

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER CHAPTER

(1964–1987)

DAKOTA CHAPTER

(1987–present)

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

INTRODUCTION

This historical review project began in 1981 when the chapter decided to present suitable awards to its Past Presidents. While cleaning the officers' files, it became obvious how unorganized our historical records had become.

Along about this same time period, members of the Great Plains Fishery Workers Association were updating their historical records. That effort fostered the idea of preparing a similar document for the Upper Missouri River Chapter (now the Dakota Chapter). Pulling it all together seemed like an insurmountable task, given the basic fact that our records were woefully incomplete some years.

The project flip-flopped between states and chairpersons for a couple of years with very little being accomplished. Members were repeatedly asked to supply whatever they could for the archives but apparently much has been lost or disposed of. It was finally decided to do something special in conjunction with our 1989 annual conference to salute our 25th anniversary.

Three chapter members were asked to make brief presentations covering the events of a specific number of years. Mr. Donald Warnick, Dr. Charles Scalet and Mr. Frank Pfeifer graciously accepted the challenge. Thank you gentlemen for your efforts.

The presentations were recorded and transcribed. Each speaker was provided with a transcript to edit. The edited material was then compiled into this format. Initially a professionally prepared booklet was the objective. However, after recognizing the inherent deficiencies, it was decided to forego the expense of printing and distribute the information as is. Perhaps someone

will dust off their old UMRC files and fill in the blanks.

In addition to the presenters, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the efforts of the Historical Committee: Doug Hansen, Dr. James Schmulbach, Don Warnick, Don Duerre, Fred Ryckman and Norm Benson. Moreover, Robert Hanten, Dennis Unkenholz, Jim Riis, Al Kreil, Jerry Weigel, Troy Backhaus, Sherry Moser, and Laurie Coleman all added substantially to this effort. If I've failed to mention someone who may have contributed in some meaningful way, please accept my apology.

AFS – Dakota Chapter

The Early Years

1963 – 1970 (by Donald C. Warnick)

The Upper Missouri River Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was originally formed as a chapter concerned strictly with the Missouri River. It was expanded after a few years to include people involved with all aspects of fisheries science. Records indicate the Upper Missouri River Chapter was one of the first chapters affiliated with the American Fisheries Society. The chapter changed its name in 1987 to Dakota Chapter.

An organizational meeting was held in North Dakota in 1963. The first annual meeting was held one year later. In addition to personnel representing various state agencies, early organizers were federal employees stationed along the Missouri River.

The boundaries of the organization were restricted to North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. Annual meetings were to be held in Pierre, South Dakota and Bismarck, North Dakota, on alternate years. Summer field meetings were scheduled for inspection of research and management activities.

Although basically a sub-unit of the American Fisheries Society where research findings were presented, an accomplishment of the chapter was an annual meeting with the U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers to recommend water level management for fish production in the new Missouri River reservoirs.

The stated purposes of the chapter were:

I. Areas of interest will be from Gavins Point Reservoir in South Dakota to Ft. Benton, Montana.

II. Bring closer relationships between state and federal organizations by working out related problems and carrying out coordinated activities.

III. Interest will be the general fishery of the reservoir complex on the Missouri River and mainstem reservoirs within the boundary of the chapter.

IV. Make recommendations as a group on major proposals.

Position of the chapter will be based on research findings. Statements will not be made against existing state or federal policies without consent of the parent organization.

MEETINGS

1963: An organizational meeting was held in Bismarck, North Dakota

1964: First Meeting – At the first meeting, various investigators outlined the reservoir research programs from their respective states. A general discussion included the following subjects:

1. Effects of fishing pressure on reservoir sport fish
2. Reservoir stocking

3. Creel limits on reservoirs

4. Seasons

1965: Field Meeting – There was no annual winter meeting.

Rather, the first field meeting was held at Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery.

The chapter passed its first resolution in support of a free-flowing Missouri River between the upper end of Ft. Peck Reservoir and the community of Ft. Benton.

1966: Annual Meeting – The by-laws were reviewed. Nebraska was invited to join the chapter.

There were panel discussions on “Creel Census” and “Monitoring Reservoir Fish Populations.”

Field Meeting – The meeting emphasis was a tour of Black Hills streams and the effects of logging practices, mining, road construction and agriculture upon these streams.

1967: Annual Meeting – Two panel discussions were held:

“Existing Problems, Investigations and Future Projects on the Upper Missouri Tributaries” and “Preparation of Students for Employment at State and Federal Agencies in the Field of Fisheries.”

Field Meeting – The focus of this meeting was to observe the North Central Reservoir Investigations Laboratory, Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery and the unchannelized reach of the Missouri River.

1968: Annual Meeting – There was a meeting with the Corps of Engineers regarding water level management on the six mainstem reservoirs of the Missouri River. The activities at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, Jamestown, North Dakota, relating to fisheries and water quality research were discussed. The chapter's 1965 resolution opposing further development above Ft. Peck was resubmitted.

Field Meeting – The meeting was held at North Central Reservoir Investigations in Pierre, South Dakota. Field tours were conducted on Lake Sharpe and the Oahe tailwaters.

1969: Annual Meeting – The technical session was of a general nature including a panel discussion on "Management of Water Levels on Reservoirs."

Field Meeting – Records indicated that the chapter was invited to the Spearfish Fisheries Center, but no minutes of the meeting could be located.

1970: Annual Meeting – The meeting was scheduled for Pierre, South Dakota, in January. No information could be found in any of the files.

Field Meeting – An upper Missouri River cruise was conducted in Montana in July.

1971 – 1978 (by Chuck Scalet)

1971: Annual Meeting – The meeting started with a panel

discussion of “Mercury Pollution in the Upper Midwest.”

This was followed by talks on reservoir fish population vital statistics.

Field Meeting – This meeting was held at the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Resolutions regarding channelization in the Missouri River and the James River were prepared.

1972: Annual Meeting – Several attendees became stranded in a blizzard while in transit to the meeting. Field Meeting – There are no minutes of this meeting.

1973: Annual Meeting – There was a note in the minutes of the business meeting which stated that the minutes for the 1972 meeting were not available because of the blizzard. Papers at the technical session covered a variety of topics.

An informal poll indicated a strong preference for one meeting a year with the field meeting being deleted.

Three more years of field meetings were held, although none was held in 1973.

1974: Annual Meeting – Thirty-seven people attended the 10th meeting. It was centered around a panel discussion on “Culture, Stocking and Introduction Success and Needs in the Northern Plains.”

It was decided that the meetings would continue to

alternate between Bismarck and Pierre and not other cities within each state. A resolution calling for a moratorium on construction of the Garrison Diversion Project was initiated.

Field Meeting – The president was asked to plan a field meeting at Rapid City, South Dakota. However, there is no information on file.

1975: Annual Meeting – The topic of the meeting was Garrison Diversion. There were 50 people in attendance with Canada providing an international flavor.

At this meeting there was the first mention of compiling available Missouri River information into book form.

The president was directed to prepare a resolution supporting a moratorium on the Oahe Irrigation Project and prepare a formal statement for the chapter in opposition to the proposed Missouri River re-regulation dams.

Field Meeting – Most action was on the Missouri River publication.

1976: Annual Meeting – The meeting topic was “Uses of Upper Missouri River Water”.

A resolution requesting a moratorium on the Oahe Irrigation Project was passed.

1977: Annual Meeting – American Fisheries Society President-Elect Art Whitney, Montana, was in attendance as our

special guest. Fifty-two people were registered. All technical presentations were general in nature. The chapter by-laws were revised and approved. There was more discussion on the Missouri River publication and activity concerning the closing of North Central Reservoir Investigations. Draft copies of the "Monetary Values of Fishes" were distributed.

1978: Annual Meeting – Forty-three people attended. The meeting was of a general nature and papers were given by a number of people.

There was more action on the Missouri River publication, Garrison and Oahe Diversion projects. There was activity centering on the re-regulation dams, threatened and endangered fish and unique stretches of the Missouri River.

The ad hoc committee on water level management was re-designated a standing committee and the chairman of the committee has alternated between the two states.

1979 – 1985 (by Frank Pfeifer)

1979: Annual Meeting – The technical session was of a general nature. The chapter's efforts were concentrated on D-J Expansion.

1980: Annual Meeting – This was a joint meeting with the Nebraska Chapter.

The meeting agenda included presentations on "Riverine

Ichthyoplankton” and “Hatchery Production” and a symposium entitled “Fisheries Transformations within the Missouri River Ecosystem”.

1981: Annual Meeting – Topics for this meeting included “Coldwater Fishery in the Missouri River Mainstem System”, “The James River Ichthyofauna”, “Fisheries and the Environment” followed by a panel discussion on “Fishing Regulations”.

The chapter presented Past President certificates to nine former officers in attendance. A resolution on paddlefish protection was sent to all states within the historic range of this species.

1982: Annual Meeting – The chapter by-laws were amended to include the position of President-Elect. A Best Paper Awards program was started.

Resolutions included support for continued funding of Fish & Wildlife Service Cooperative Research Units and concern with the U.S. Forest Service’s 50-year Black Hills Management Plan.

1983: Annual Meeting – This meeting’s theme was “Riparian Lands – A Vital Resource”. It was a joint meeting with the North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Resolutions were passed in support of the federal fish hatchery system and requesting quantification of the impacts to the James River by the Garrison Diversion

Project.

Honors:

Best Paper Award: Doug Hansen, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks for "Evaluation of Walleye Fry Stocking in Six South Dakota Lakes with Naturally Reproducing Walleye Populations".

1984: Annual Meeting – This meeting consisted of a session on Missouri River management and panel discussions on "Salmonid Culture" and formulation of a "Missouri River Management Advisory Group".

During 1984 the chapter presented testimony on the impact of GDU to the Garrison Diversion Unit Commission.

Two new awards, "Distinguished Professional Service Award" and "Aquatic Resource Conservation Award", were approved.

Honors:

Best Paper Award: Paul Michaletz, South Dakota Department Game, Fish & Parks, for "Prey Selection by size in zooplanktivorous age-0 fishes in Lake Francis Case, South Dakota".

1985: Annual Meeting – The 21st annual meeting was a joint meeting with the Minnesota Chapter. It consisted of a panel discussion on hydroacoustics, a general session, and a session on walleye culture and management.

Several poster papers and a demonstration of microcomputers

and their uses rounded out a full agenda.

Keynote speakers addressed “Walleye Management” and “Management Implications for Different Genetic Stocks of Fish”.

Terms of office were re-aligned, necessitating that officers serve 21 months. Resolutions were enacted relating to Wallop-Breaux funding and Garrison Diversion impacts. During the year the Dakota Chapter contributed \$1,200 to the Permanent Home Fund, the largest contribution of any chapter.

Honors:

Best Paper Award: Doug Hansen, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks for “Population Characteristics and Exploitation of Walleye in Pickerel Lake, South Dakota”.

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Art Talsma, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks.

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Fargo-Moorhead Chapter of Muskies, Inc.

1986 – 1990 (by Gene Van Eeckhout)

1986: Annual Meeting – Highlight of the program was a session designed to synthesize the experiences and philosophies of those attending the 1986 meeting into a “new textbook on fisheries management” featuring guest speakers from the Kansas Fish and Game Department.

The chapter helped sponsor the Missouri River Symposium held in conjunction with the 1986 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Omaha, Nebraska.

Honors:

Best Paper Award: Steve Hamilton, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for "Effects of Selenium on Chinook Salmon".

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Ron Glover, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks.

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Happy Hookers Fishing Club, Minot, North Dakota. Dick Simpson – Madison, South Dakota, editor of "Dakota Fisherman" magazine.

1987: Annual Meeting – The Upper Missouri River Chapter changed its name to Dakota Chapter as Montana had formed its own chapter. The members felt that "Dakota" better reflected the members and fishery interests in North and South Dakota.

The technical session started with a discussion on the introduction of exotic fish species in the Dakotas, followed by reports on a variety of salmon studies, rare fishes of the Dakotas and other general fisheries topics.

Honors:

Best Paper Award: Monty Millard, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for "Fish Semen: Storage, Dilution and Use".

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Dr. John

Owen, University of North Dakota. Dr. Jim Schmulbach,
University of South Dakota. Don Duerre, North
Dakota Game & Fish Department.

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Dakota Anglers
Fishing Club, Jamestown, North Dakota.

1988: Annual Meeting – This was a joint meeting with the
South Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The
theme of the meeting was “The James River, Its Value,
and Its Future”. There were many papers on fisheries
and wildlife presented.

The chapter passed resolutions expressing concern with
the introduction of Zander in North Dakota and urging
a study of low flow impacts to the Souris River before
construction of the Rafferty-Alameda Dams in Saskatchewan,
Canada.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Jeff Dillion, South Dakota State
University for “Production of Triploid Rainbow Trout for
South Dakota waters”.

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Bob Hanten,
South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks.

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Peter Carrels,
Sierra Club, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

1989: Annual Meeting – This was our 25th anniversary meeting.
Guest speakers were invited to re-cap the past

quarter of a century. AFS President Robert White, Montana, was our special guest. There were technical sessions on “Methods and Techniques” and “Pallid Sturgeon”.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Tim Hoffnagle, University of North Dakota for “Stimulation of Thyroxine Levels by Novel Water Chemistry During Smoltification of Chinook Salmon.”

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Frank Pfeifer, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Bill Mitzel, Bismarck, North Dakota, editor of “Dakota Country” magazine.

1990: Annual Meeting: - This was our 26th annual meeting. Sessions included topics of “Effects of drought on fisheries” and “fishery regulations”. Lance Beckman, a Fish and Wildlife Service biologist from Cook, Washington the guest speaker at the meeting and made presentations on salmon and sturgeon research from the Columbia River.

The chapter passed a resolution regarding Devils Lake stabilization and revitalization.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Co-awarded to Cliff Stone of the

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks for his talk on “Justification for regulation of walleye harvest on the Missouri River Reservoirs in South Dakota”, and John Lindgren of South Dakota State University for his talk on “Evaluation of a 15 inch minimum length limit for largemouth bass in Lake Alvin”.

Best Poster Award:

Best Student Paper Award:

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Henry D.

Webster of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for over 30 years of dedicated service.

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: High Plains

Wildlife Association of South Dakota

1991 – 2002 (Bob Hanten, Jr.)

1991: Annual Meeting: The 27th annual meeting of the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was held February 20-22 at Bismarck, North Dakota. Sessions included the topics of “Methods and Techniques”, “Endocrinology”, and a special panel session titled “Water Issues”. Lee Klapprodt gave an informative presentation on the thoughts and concerns of the Congress.

Two resolutions were passed, Cooperation required to develop water level management plans to benefit fisheries and recreational resources of the Missouri River and Management of Missouri River flows for endemic

species.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Richard Nelson for his paper

“Ecological Factors Influencing the Growth of Sago

Pondweed in Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, South

Dakota”.

Best Poster Award:

Best Student Paper Award:

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Dave Willis

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Duane Sveum

1992: Annual Meeting: The annual 28th meeting was held

February, 19-21 at Aberdeen South Dakota. Joe Marcino,

disease pathologist with the Minnesota DNR, presented

a fish disease workshop. AFS North Central Division

President Dave Willis was the guest speaker and gave

updates on recent activities within the Division and the

Parent Society.

Two resolutions were accepted “Cooperative Interjurisdictional

Rivers Act of 1991” and the second “Use of

Chemicals and Drugs in Aquaculture”.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Christopher Guy

Best Poster Award:

Best Student Paper Award:

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Don Warnick

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award:

1993: Annual Meeting: The 29th annual meeting of the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was held February 17-19, at Bismarck, North Dakota. Harold Tyus of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave a presentation dealing primarily with Zebra Mussels.

One resolution was adopted thanking Bismarck State College for the use of their facility during the Continuing Education computer workshop.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Tracy Hill for "Influence of Water Conductivity on AC and DC Electrofishing Catch Rates for Largemouth Bass".

Best Poster Award:

Best Student Paper Award:

Distinguished Professional Service Award:

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award:

1994: Annual Meeting: The 30th annual meeting of the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was held February 22-24, 1994 at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Paul Brouha, Executive Director of the American Fisheries Society, gave a presentation on the Fisheries Action Network at lunch on February 23rd. Frank Schitoskey, Acting Deputy Assistant Regional Director for Federal Aid, Denver, gave a presentation on the future of the

Sport Fish Restoration Program at the evening banquet on February 23rd.

Three resolutions were submitted for discussion and approved by the membership. The first resolution dealt with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Missouri River Initiative and was submitted by Kent Keenlyne. The second resolution submitted was for the Chapter's support of the Wilderness and Scenic Rivers proposal now being proposed in North Dakota. The last resolution dealt with the Continuation of the Conservation Reserve (CRP).

Honors

Best Paper Award: Dennis Scarnecchia for "sampling and quantifying relative abundance of young-of-the-year and yearling paddlefish *Polyodon spathula* in Lake Sakakawea, North Dakota

Best Poster Award:

Best Student Paper Award: Brian E. Van Zee for his paper entitled "Electrofishing injury rates for largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and bluegills collected with pulsed DC and high output, pulsed AC"

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Dennis Unkenholz and Chuck Scalet

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Black Hills Fly Fishing Club

1995: Annual Meeting: The 31st annual meeting of the Dakota

Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was

held March 1-3, 1995 at the Bismarck, North Dakota.

Don Pierra, First Vice President of the North Central

Division of the American Fisheries Society, updated

the membership on various parent society and NCD

activities at the business meeting on March 2. K.L. Cool,

Director of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department

and Doug Hansen, Director of the South Dakota

Division of Wildlife, gave a presentation on the future of

North and South Dakota's fisheries after lunch on the

March 2.

One resolution was submitted and accepted. Sharon

Whitmore read the resolution on the Potential Closure

of the Valley City National Fish Hatchery submitted by

Terry Steinwand and Jerry Weigel.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Dave Willis for his paper entitled

"Oscilloscope Tracings of the Output Voltages from a

Coeffelt VVp-15 Electrofishing Control Unit".

Best Poster Award: Scott Gurtin, South Dakota State

University for "Preliminary assessment of northern pike

populations in small central South Dakota impoundments."

Best Student Paper Award: Scott Bryan for his paper

entitled "Food Consumption and Growth of Walleye: A

Bioenergetics Approach”.

Best Student Poster Award: Scott Gurtin for “Preliminary Assessment of Northern Pike Populations in Small Central South Dakota Impoundments”.

Distinguished Professional Service Award:

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: John Lowman

1996: Annual Meeting: The 32nd annual meeting was held February 27-29th, 1996 in Pierre, South Dakota. 97 individuals registered for the meeting. The main program offered 25 technical presentations and 11 poster presentations.

John Cooper, Secretary of the South Dakota

Department of Game Fish and Parks gave a presentation on the importance of sound fisheries management in the Dakota’s and how the angling public has benefited during the annual banquet.

Two resolutions were submitted and unanimously passed by membership. The first was “Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Agreement Test Act of 1996 (House Bill H.R. 2939)” and the second was “Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative”.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Dave Lucchesei received best paper award for “Evaluating the Contribution of Supplementally Stocked Walleye Fry and Fingerlings to South Dakota Fisheries Through Mass Marking with Oxytetracycline.”

Best Student Poster Award: Shannon Fisher for “An Assessment of Burbot (*Lota lota*) Condition”.

Best Student Paper Award: The co-best student awards were presented to Robert Mauk, South Dakota State University for “Evaluation of progeny development and performance of Lake Oahe walleye.” The second went to Shannon Fisher for “Identification Assessment of Yellow Perch Spawning Habitats”.

Distinguished Professional Service Award:

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Lake Kampeska Chapter of the Izaak Walton League for their holistic watershed management project.

1997: Annual Meeting: The 33rd annual meeting was held February 25-27, 1997 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, North Dakota. A joint meeting was held this year with the Minnesota Chapter. Two guest speakers at the business meeting included Jack Wingate and Don Pereira.

There were no resolutions to be considered at this annual meeting.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Dave Lucchesi for his presentation entitled “Evaluating the Contribution of Stocked Walleye Fry and Fingerlings Through Mass-marking with Oxytetracycline”

Best Poster Award:

Best Student Paper Award: Tracy Hill for his presentation

titled "Bioenergetics of the Major Predatory Fish in Lake Oahe.

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Dr. Peterka

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Richland

County Wildlife Club for their work on Lake Elsie

1998: Annual Meeting: The 34th annual meeting of the Dakota

Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was held

March 2-4, 1998 at the Best Western Ramkota in Pierre,

South Dakota. The meeting was held jointly with the

South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

Four resolutions were presented and passed:

Resolution 1 was in Support of Grassland Easement

Program in North Dakota.

Resolution 2 was in Support of Legislation that Mitigates

Wildlife Habitat Loss as a Result of the Construction

and Operation of Lake Oahe.

Resolution 3 was in Support of Legislation Affecting

Western Public Lands.

Resolution 4 was in Support of the Missouri River Monitoring

and Assessment Program.

Honors

Alvin Kreil Memorial Student Membership Award: David

DeKrey and Danielle Johnson

Best Paper Award: Craig Stockwell for the paper entitled

"Historic and Genetic Evidence for the Recognition

of Two Evolutionary Significant Units of the White Sands Pupfish”

Best Poster Award: Kevin Smith, Eric Unkenholz, and Walt Duffy; South Dakota State University for “Evaluation of meter-net efficiency in the Oahe Dam tailrace, South Dakota..”

Best Student Paper Award: Eric Unkenholz, Kevin Smith, and Walt Duffy for “Diel and Seasonal Trends and Abundance Estimates of Rainbow Smelt Entrained Through Oahe Dam, South Dakota”

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Todd St. Sauver

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Shared by Cogswell Gun Club and the Tewaukon Rod and Gun Club for their efforts on access improvement, youth education, and community service on and around Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge in southern North Dakota

1999: Annual Meeting: The 35th annual meeting of the Dakota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was held March 2-4, 1999, at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota. The Dakota Chapter registered 97 members and offered 18 technical programs and 5 poster presentations. No resolutions were presented.

Honors

The Alvin Kreil Memorial Student Membership Awards:

Cody Hertz and Kris Koski

Best Paper Award: Two papers were selected, "Evaluation of Tournament Mortality" by Mark Flemmang and "The Effectiveness of the Large Trout Stocking Program in the Black Hills of SD" by Jack Erickson.

Best Poster Award: Tim Bister, South Dakota State University for "Development of standard weight (Ws) equations for 19 game and non-game fishes."

Best Student Paper Award: Kevin Smith, South Dakota State University for "Entrainment of zooplankton through Oahe Dam, South Dakota."

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Fred Ryckman
Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Dakota Anglers, Inc.

2000: Annual Meeting: The 36th annual meeting was held February 28-March 1, 2000, at the Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center. Christine Moffitt, national president of the AFS from the University of Idaho, was in attendance. She presented a program on the history of the AFS and the benefits that can be realized from membership. Resolutions approved included Fish Passageway Resolution and the Missouri River resolution.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Steven Chipps for "Effects of Littoral Habitat Complexity on Growth Rate of Sunfish".

Best Poster Award: Patrick Hanchin, graduate student at SDSU, for his presentation of "Black Bullhead Growth in South Dakota Waters".

Best Student Paper Award: Kevin Smith, South Dakota State University for "Ichthyoplankton passage through Oahe Dam and Big Bend Dam, South Dakota with emphasis on rainbow smelt and gizzard shad."

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Mike Barnes

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award:

The Alvin Kreil Memorial Student Membership Awards:

Carmen Blausey and Tim Resseguie

2001: Annual Meeting: The 37th annual meeting was held at the Doublewood Inn, Fargo, ND. There were 48 members in attendance at the business meeting. Also attending were AFS President Carl Burger, Executive Director Gus Rassam, and NCD President Bill Franzin.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Mike Olsen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Best Poster Award: Mike Barnes, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks

Best Student Paper Award: Patrick Hanchin, South Dakota State University

Best Student Poster Award: George Scholten, South Dakota State University

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Dave Lucchesi,
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks.

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Joint award to
the Bowman-Haley Anglers and the Southwest Anglers
of North Dakota.

Special Recognition for outstanding effort in chairing
the Chapter's Education Committee: John Lott

2002: Annual Meeting: The annual 38th meeting was held February
25-27, 2002 at Cedar Shore Resort in Chamberlain,
SD. This was a joint meeting between the Dakota
and Nebraska Chapters, with 132 attendees.

The chapter approved a new standing committee (Information
Committee) to service the chapter's expanding
communication needs.

The resolution that recommends USACOE and the
JRWDD evaluate, as an alternative in the environmental
impact statement process, the conservation and restoration
of the floodplain with the Lake Plain Reach by
restoring the rivers natural hydrology was adopted.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Mike Barnes for "Maternal Liver
and Egg Thiamine Concentrations in Walleye from Lake
Oahe, South Dakota"

Best Poster Award: Mike Barnes for "Hermaphroditism
Observed in Captive Fall Chinook Salmon Broodstock"

Best Student Paper Award: Dan Isermann for "Influence of Age-0 Yellow Perch Abundance on Walleye Populations in Two Eastern South Dakota Lakes"

Best Student Poster Award: Patrick Hanchin for "Comparison of Concurrent Trap-net and Gill-net Samples for Black Bullheads"

Distinguished Professional Service Award: Doug Hansen, SD Department of Game Fish and Parks

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Bowman-Haley Anglers Association

2003: Annual Meeting: The annual 39th meeting was held February 11-13, 2003 at Seven Seas Inn in Mandan, ND. This was a joint meeting between the Dakota AFS and North Dakota TWS chapters.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Stephen Wilson for "Aquatic Habitat Assessment of Small South Dakota Impoundments Using GPS and GIS Technology"

Best Student Paper Award: Matt Mangan for "A Comparison of Yellow Perch Harvest Methods in Semipermanent Wetlands"

Best Student Poster Award: Matt Ward for "Extent of Prey-fish Consumption by Age-1 and Older Walleyes Stocked in Minnesota Wetlands"

Distinguished Professional Service Awards: Chuck Berry

(SDSU) and John Lott (SDGFP)

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Boy Scout Troop
17, Spearfish, SD

2004: Annual Meeting: The annual 40th meeting was held
March 15-17, 2004 at the Ramkota in Pierre, SD.

Honors

Best Paper Co-awards: Mike Barnes for "Hatchery
Rearing Impacts on Fall Chinook Salmon Spawning
Returns" and Dave Lucchesi for "Evaluation of Two Different
Structures Used for Walleye and Yellow Perch Age
Estimation."

Best Student Paper Award: Eric Weimer for "Winter
Habitat Use and Movement of Bluegill *Lepomis macrochirus*
in a South Dakota Glacial Lake."

Best Student Poster Award: Quinton Phelps for "Relations
Between Climatological Variables and Larval Yellow
Perch Abundance in Eastern South Dakota Glacial
Lakes."

Distinguished Professional Service Awards: Michael
Brown (SDSU)

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Northeastern
South Dakota Walleye Club, Watertown, SD

2005: Annual Meeting: The annual 41st meeting was held
February 28 - March 2, 2005 at the Comfort Inn in
Bismarck, ND.

Honors

Best Paper awards: Michael Barnes for "Bacterial numbers determined by scanning electron microscopy and bacteriological culture methods from landlocked fall chinook salmon eyed eggs subjected to various formalin treatments"

Best Student Paper Award: Michael Weber for "Early life history of fishes in the Missouri River system."

Best Student Poster Award: B.J. Bauer and Nick Radabaugh for "A comparison of fall movement patterns of adult yellow perch in dissimilar glacial lakes."

Distinguished Professional Service Awards: Emil Berard (NDGFD) and Jack Erickson (SDGFP)

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Mark and Becky Wald, ND

2006: Annual Meeting: The annual 42nd meeting was held February 27 - March 1, 2006 at Cedar Shore Resort in Chamberlain, SD.

Honors

Best Paper awards: Brian Blackwell for "Timing of otolith annulus formation in yellow perch."

Best Student Paper Award: Casey Schoenebeck for "Nutrient limitation and phytoplankton abundance as influenced by winterkill conditions in glacial lakes."

Best Student Poster Award: Kris Edwards for "Bluegill

recruitment related to temperature, precipitation and winter severity in four South Dakota impoundments.”

Distinguished Professional Service Awards: Cliff Stone (SDGFP) and Connie Vicuna (NRCS)

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Jim Phoenix

2007: Annual Meeting: The annual 43rd meeting was held February 26-28, 2007 at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck, ND.

Honors

Best Paper Award: Brian Blackwell for “Angler Exploitation of a Previously Unexploited Walleye Population”

Best Student Paper Award: Casey Schoenebeck for “Correction of Consumption Error from an Esocid Bioenergetics Model for Age-0 Tiger Muskellunge”

Best Student Poster Award: Aaron Larsen for “Nest abandonment rates of male largemouth bass subjected to tournament and catch-and-release angling”

Distinguished Professional Service Awards: Gene Van Eeckhout and Richard Madson

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Dr. John Davidson

2008: Annual Meeting: The annual 44rd meeting was held February 19-21, 2008 at the Best Western Ramkota Inn, Sioux Falls, SD.

Honors

Best Paper Awards: Steve Chipps for “Bioenergetics modeling in the 21st century: Reviewing new insights

and revisiting old constraints”

Best Student Paper Award: Steve Ranney for “The influence of feeding level on the metabolic rate of largemouth bass: evidence of a compensatory response”

Best Student Poster Award: Brian Spindler for “Distribution and habitat use by juvenile pallid sturgeon in the Fort Randall reach of the Missouri River”

Distinguished Professional Service Awards: Ron Koth and Mark Drobisch

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Barnes County (North Dakota) Water Conservation District

2009: Annual Meeting: The annual 45th meeting was held February 23-25, 2009 at the Comfort Inn, Bismarck, ND.

Honors

Best Paper Awards: Mike Barnes for “Impacts of experimental *Flavobacterium columnare* inoculation, antibiotic treatments, and resident bacteria on rainbow trout eyed egg survival and external membrane structure.”

Best Student Paper Awards:

Landon Pierce for “Evaluating stocking success of paddlefish in Lake Francis Case, SD: a work in progress”.

Justin VanDeHey for “Non-lethal sampling of walleye and yellow perch for stable isotope analysis: a comparison of three tissues,” co-authored by Mark Fincel and Steve Chipps.

Travis Schaeffer for “Compensatory growth and metabolic responses of female yellow perch subjected to symmetric feed: fast cycles”

Best Student Poster Award:

Andy Jansen for “Effect of a simulated cold-front on hatching success of yellow perch eggs.

Nick Peterson for “Determination of bluegill size and age at maturity in Southeastern South Dakota impoundments”

Distinguished Professional Service award: Will Sayler

Aquatic Resource Conservation Award: Lake Region Anglers Association

Schmulbach Memorial Scholarship: Bethany Galster

Sauger scholarships: Bobbi Adams, Ryan Andvik, Nick Peterson, and Andrew Wuestewald.

Kriel scholarships: Will French, Andrew Wuestewald

2010: Annual Meeting: The annual 46th meeting was held February 22-24 in Spearfish, SD

The theme of the conference was “New Fisheries Solutions for a New Decade.” Four special sessions were noted at the meeting: Trout Gone Wild – Changing Management Paradigms, Hatchery Innovations – A Culture Change, Changing Percid Management to Meet Changing Angler Expectations, Changes with Nongame, Threatened, and Endangered Fish. A continuing education program consisted of identification of fish parasites.

The best graduate student poster award was presented to Michael Weber for his poster titled, “Effects of Morphology, Size and Location on Survival Growth, and Tag Retention Using Passive Integrated Transponders.” Best Graduate Student Paper went to Justin VanDeHey for his paper titled, “Effects of Simulated Coldfronts on Hatch Success and Survival of Yellow Perch.” Greg Wanner of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service won the award for Best Professional Presentation, “Spatial and Temporal Patterns in the Niobrara River Fish Community” and the best Undergraduate Presentation Award was presented to Jessica Howell. Bobbi Adams received the Schmaulbach Scholarship. Sauger Scholarship winners were Donna Abler, Jessica Howell, Bobbi Adams and Nikki Hegna. Bob Hanten, Jr. and Greg Simpson were presented with the Distinguished Service Award.

2011: Annual Meeting: The annual 47th meeting was held February 21-23, 2011 in Bismarck, ND.

Luke Schultz (South Dakota State University) won the Best Student Paper for his presentation *Fish Assemblages, Habitat, and 'Thermal Effects: Patterns of Mountain Sucker Distribution in the Black Hills.'* The Best Poster was awarded to Matthew Ward, for his poster titled, *Relations Between Number of Largemouth Bass Raised and Their Size in Blue Dog Hatchery Ponds.* Paul Bailey won the Best Professional Paper for his presentation *Estimating Population Size of Garrison Reach Paddlefish.*

Several scholarships were awarded, including the Schmulbach Scholarship presented to Bobbi Adams from SDSU.

Alven Kreil Memorial Scholarships were presented to Terrance Velazquez and Nathan Satre.

Sauger Scholarships were presented to Aaron Burgad and Adam Larson from Valley City State University; and Nathan Satre and Kristopher Stahr from South Dakota State University.

Awards were presented for recognition of professional service and contributions toward improving the appreciation and use of aquatic resources in their communities. Brian Blackwell won the Robert L. Hanten Distinguished Professional Service Award. Matthew Ward and Jerry Wilhite won Outstanding Young Professional Awards. The Aquatic Resource Conservation Award was presented to Chris Nannenga and the Ransom County Soil Conservation District.

2012: Annual Meeting: The annual 48th meeting was held February 21-23, 2012 in Chamberlain, SD

Dr. Steve Chipps won the Robert L Hanten Distinguished Professional Service Award. Dr. Brian Graeb won the Outstanding Young Professional Award. The Aquatic Resource Conservation Award was presented to Woody Tiggelaar for his work with South Dakota Walleyes Unlimited. Jacob Davis won the Best Student Paper for his presentation "Genetic origins of naturally reproduced rainbow trout in the Deerfield reservoir system". The Best Poster was awarded to Mark Kaemingk, for his poster titled, "Priority effects among young of the year fish: reduced growth of bluegill sunfish (*Lepomis macrochirus*) caused by yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*)". Michael Weber won the Best Professional Paper for his presentation "Potential for compensatory responses of common carp to commercial exploitation".

This year, five Sauger Scholarships were awarded to Aaron Andrews, Austin Galinat, and Kyle Behl from SDSU and Aaron Burgad and Matt Klein from VCSU. Additionally, the Alven Kriel scholarship provided a one-year membership to the American Fisheries Society to Aaron Burgad and Alexander Letvin.

2013: Annual Meeting: The annual 49th meeting was held February 2013 in Bismarck, ND.

The Best Professional Paper: Effectiveness of three compounds to anesthetize Rainbow Trout during PIT tag implantation surgery. Jake Davis, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks. The Best Student Paper – Effects of Catastrophic Flooding on Fish Communities in the Lewis and Clark Delta. Andrew K. Carlson. South Dakota State University. We had a tie for the Best Student Poster award – "Do boat ramps influence aquatic invertebrate composition in near-shore areas?" Bradley Smith, Jeffrey Grote, Jake Mecham, Tobias Rapp, Tanner Stevens, Steven Chipps. South Dakota State University, and "Quantifying

prey consumption by northern pike in Pactola Reservoir.” Natalie C Scheibel and Steven Chipps. South Dakota State University.

Ryan Wilson and Katie Bertrand were co-winners of our Outstanding Young Professional award, the North Dakota Sport Fishing Congress as our Aquatic Habitat Award winner and Rob Holm as our Robert Hanten distinguished professional award. Aaron Andrews with SDSU was our 2013 Schmulbach Scholarship winner. We also recognized five of our upcoming leaders with our Sauger Scholarships (Aaron Burgad, Anthony Rodger, David Bogner, Dalton Benage, Aaron Andrews).

2014: Annual Meeting: The annual 50th meeting was held February 2014 in Chamberlain, SD

American Fisheries Society Director, Doug Austen addressed the conference about the historic, contemporary and future relevance of AFS. A record attendance was present at the continuation education workshop on publishing for professionals.

Paul Lepisto received the Aquatic Resource Conservation Award, Robert Klumb was awarded a posthumous award for the Robert Hanten Distinguished Professional Service Award which was accepted by Steve Chipps and Dane Shuman on behalf of the Klumb family, Mike Olson received the Past-President Award, Mark Fincel received the Outstanding Young Professional Award. Aaron Burgad received the Schmulbach Scholarship, Laura Herionimus accepted the first annual Robert A. Klumb Memorial Award from Steve Chipps, Sauger Scholarship recipients were Morgan Kauth, Dalton Benage, Matt Phayvanh, BJ Schall, and Jordon Redmond, Al Kriel Award winners were Ethan Preston and Dalton Benage.

Best student paper was awarded to David Schumann, Katie Bertrand, Jarrett Pfrimmer, and Josh Stafford for their presentation entitled, “Integrating landscape and local perspectives of aquatic communities to understand restoration effectiveness along the stream mosaic.” Mike Weber and Mike Brown received the Best Professional Poster award with their study entitled, “Continuous, pulsed and disrupted nutrient subsidy effects on ecosystem productivity, stability, and energy flow.” The Best Professional Paper award went to two studies: Andre DeLorme, Josue Hernandez, and Louis Weiland for their study entitled, “Effects of Devils Lake water on Sheyenne River mussels, an *in situ* field bioassay” and Greg Simpson with his paper entitled, “Opinions and visitor use at eight western South Dakota waters.”

2015: Annual Meeting: The annual 51st meeting was held February 17-19 in Bismarck, ND.

David Schumann won the Robert Klumb Scholarship with Andrew Carlson as an honorable mention. Zachary Jessee, Jenna Haag, Dalton Benage, Logan Gutzmer, and Josue Hernandez were winners of the Sauger Scholarships. The Schmulbach Award was presented to Morgan Kauth. The Outstanding Young Professional Award went to Mike Smith. Two award winners for the Al Kriel award were: Barbara-Ann Lytle and Logan Gutzmer. Jeremy Kientz won the best student paper for his paper entitled “Movement and Survival of Wild Rainbow Trout within the Deerfield Reservoir System, South Dakota”. Best student poster went to Jerry Warmbold for this study on “An Emerging Decline: Large consumers decrease aquatic insect emergence by an order of magnitude in a Missouri River backwater.” Greg Simpson won the best professional paper for “Re-establishment of finescale dace (*Phoxinus neogaeus*) in Mud Lake”

and Landon Pierce was awarded the best professional poster for “Differences in capture probability of an endangered species (Pallid Sturgeon) among four sampling gears.”

2016: Annual Meeting: The annual 52nd meeting is scheduled to be held February 1-3 in Spearfish, SD.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

YEAR PRESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT SECRETARY/TREASURER PRESIDENT-ELECT

1964 Henegar, Dale (ND) Posewitz, John (MT) Sprague, Jim (SD)

1965 Parsons, John (SD) Posewitz, Jim (MT) Benson, Norm (SD)

1966 Parsons, John (SD) Posewitz, Jim (MT) Benson, Norm (SD)

1967 Sprague, Jim (SD) Morris, Larry (NE) Hassler, Tom (SD)

1968 Fox, Al (SD) Posewitz, Jim (MT) Backlund, Chuck (SD)

1969 Moen, Tom (SD) Needham, Bob (MT) Hassler, Tom (SD)

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1971 Owen, John (ND) Peterka, John (ND) Ragan, Jim (ND)

1972 Higham, Joe (SD) Elrod, Joe (SD) Ragan, Jim (ND)

1973 Peterka, John (ND) Ragan, Jim (ND) Nickum, John (SD)

1974 Applegate, Dick (SD) Nelson, Bill (SD) Kreil, Alvin (ND)

1975 Hunt, Bill (SD) Scalet, Chuck (SD) Steucke, Wally (ND)

1976 VanRay, Larry (SD) Nelson, Bill (SD) Hansen, Doug (SD)

1977 Duerre, Don (ND) Berard, Emil (ND) Ragan, Jim (ND)

1978 Copper, Roger (SD) Unkenholz, Dennis (SD) Hausle, Don (SD)

1979 Ragan, Jim (ND) Lamberton, Dale (ND) Berard, Emil (ND)

1980 Schmulbach, Jim (ND) Modde, Tim (SD) Unkenholz, Dennis (SD)

1981 Berard, Emil (ND) Kunesh, Howard (ND) VanEeckhout, Gene (ND)

1982 Hanten, Bob (SD) Warnick, Don (SD) Hansen, Doug (SD)

1983 VanEeckhout, Gene (ND) Schadewald, Paul (ND) Pfeifer, Frank (ND) Unkenholz, Dennis (SD)

1984 Unkenholz, Dennis (SD) Modde, Tim (SD) Marrone, Gary (SD) Pfeifer, Frank (ND)
1985 Pfeifer, Frank (ND) Peterka, John (ND) Ryckman, Fred (ND) Hansen, Doug (SD)
1986 Hansen, Doug (SD) Riis, Jim (SD) Meester, Ron (SD) Ryckman, Fred (ND)
1987 Ryckman, Fred (ND) Stewart, Dan (ND) Steinwand, Terry (ND) Sowards, Chuck (SD)
1988 Sowards, Chuck (SD) Stone, Cliff (SD) Koth, Ron (SD) Steinwand, Terry (SD)
1989 Steinwand, Terry (ND) Power, Greg (ND) Frohlich, Bob (ND) Riis, Jim (SD)
1990 Riis, Jim (SD) Willis, Dave (SD) Fielder, Dave (SD) Power, Greg (ND)
1991 Power, Greg (ND) Pruitt, Tom (ND) Kreft, Bruce (ND) Koth, Ron (SD)
1992 Koth, Ron (SD) Fielder, Dave (SD) Clark, Shane (SD) Kreft, Bruce (ND)
1993 Kreft, Bruce (ND) Frohlich, Bob (ND) Hiltner, Randy (ND) Fielder, Dave (SD)
1994 Fielder, Dave (SD) Lucchesi, Dave (SD) Lott, John (SD) Pruitt, Tom (ND)
1995 Kittelson, Darrin (ND) Kittelson, Darrin (ND) Lee, Jason (ND) Stone, Cliff (SD)
1996 Stone, Cliff (SD) Lott, John (SD) Erickson, Jack (SD) Brooks, Larry (ND)
1997 Brooks, Larry (ND) Hendrickson, Jeff (ND) Ftyrt, Mark (ND) Lucchesi, Dave (SD)
1998 Lucchesi, Dave (SD) Whitmore, Sharon (SD) St. Sauver, Todd (SD) Kelsch, Steve (ND)
1999 Kelsch, Steve (ND) Lee, Jason (ND) Holm, Rob (ND) Saylor, Will (SD)
2000 Saylor, Will (SD) Erickson, Jack (SD) Smith, Randi (SD) Pearson, Eric/ King, W. (ND)
2001 Pearson, Eric/ King, W. (ND) King, Wade (ND) Retterath, Trevor (ND) Brown, Mike (SD)
2002 Brown, Mike (SD) Nelson-Stastny, Wayne (SD) Hanten, Robert (SD) Krentz, Steve (ND)
2003 Krentz, Steve (ND) Fryda, Dave (ND) Walter, Dray (ND) Stancil, Wayne (SD)
2004 Stancil, Wayne (SD) Blackwell, Brian (SD) Sorensen, Jason (SD) Elstad, Scott (ND)
2005 Elstad, Scott (ND) Krapp, Ryan (ND) Krantz, B.J. Lott, John (SD)
2006 Lott, John (SD) Hanten, Bob, Jr. (SD) Potter, Kyle (SD) Lee, Jason (ND)
2007 Lee, Jason (ND) Weigel, Jerry (ND) Bailey, Paul (ND) St. Sauver, Todd (SD)
2008 St. Sauver, Todd (SD) Wuellner, Melissa (SD) Richards, Nate (SD) Hiltner, Randy (ND)

2009 Hiltner, Randy (ND) Gangl, Scott (ND) Kinzler, Russell (ND) Barnes, Mike (SD)
2010 Barnes, Mike (SD) Fletcher, Brian (SD) Simpson, Greg (SD) Hendrickson, Jeff (ND)
2011 Hendrickson, Jeff (ND), Bailey, Paul (ND), Haase, Bill (ND), Longhenry, Chris (SD)
2012 Longhenry, Chris (SD) Sorensen, Jason (SD) Knecht, Gary (SD) Olsen, Mike (ND)
2013 Olsen, Mike (ND) Nelson, Dr. Rick (ND), Berger, Tyler (ND), Dembkowski, Dan (SD)
2014 Dembkowski, Dan (SD), Scheibel, Natalie (SD), Fincel, Mark (SD), Eversman, Kurt (ND)
2015 Eversman, Kurt (ND), Caspers, Todd (ND), Sandness, Zac (ND), Simpson, Greg (SD)
2016 Simpson, Greg (SD), Vorhees, Jill (SD), Davis, Jake(SD), Williams, Casey (ND)

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DATES AND LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS

YEAR DATE OF MEETING PLACE

1963 Organizational Meeting North Dakota
1964 Dec. 14-15 Bismarck, ND
1965 May 7-8 Riverdale, ND
1966 Jan. 13-14 June 2-3 Pierre, SD Rapid City, SD
1967 Jan. 10-11 May 12-13 Bismarck, ND Yankton, SD
1968 Jan. 11-12 Jul. 29-30 Mobridge, SD Pierre, SD
1969 Jan. 8-9 Jun. 26-27 Bismarck, ND Spearfish, SD
1970 Jan. Jul. 9-11 Pierre, SD Glasgow, MT
1971 Jan. 25-26 Jun. 24-25 Bismarck, ND Jamestown, ND
1972 Feb. 17-18 Pierre, SD
1973 May 21-22 Mandan, ND
1974 Mar. 6-8 Aug. 8-9 Pierre, SD Rapid City, SD
1975 Mar. 3-5 Jun. 20 Mandan, ND Pierre, SD
1976 Jan. 12-13 Aberdeen, SD

1977 Mar. 7-8 Jamestown, ND
1978 Jan. 22-25 Aberdeen, SD
1979 Jan. 22-23 Jamestown, ND
1980 Jan. 31 – Feb. 2 Mitchell, SD
1981 Jan. 19-21 Jamestown, ND
1982 Jan. 18-20 Aberdeen, SD
1983 Feb. 9-12 Jamestown, ND
1984 Jan. 21-23 Aberdeen, SD
1985 Feb. 21-23 Fargo, ND
1986 Feb. 24-26 Aberdeen, SD
1987 Feb. 16-18 Bismarck, ND
1988 Feb. 29 – Mar. 2 Aberdeen, SD
1989 Feb. 22-24 Bismarck, ND
1990 Feb. 28 – Mar. 2 Pierre, SD
1991 Feb. 20-22 Bismarck, ND
1992 Feb. 19-21 Aberdeen, SD
1993 Feb. 17-19 Bismarck, ND
1994 Feb. 22-24 Aberdeen, SD
1995 Mar. 1-3 Bismarck, ND
1996 Feb. 27-29 Pierre, SD
1997 Feb. 25-27 Fargo, ND
1998 Mar. 2-4 Pierre, SD
1999 Mar. 2-4 Bismarck, ND
2000 Feb. 28 – Mar. 1 Spearfish, SD
2001 -- Joint MN AFS Mar. 5-7 Fargo, ND

2002 -- Joint NE AFS Feb. 25-27 Chamberlain, SD

2003 -- Joint ND TWS Feb. 11-13 Mandan, ND

2004 Mar. 15-17 Pierre, SD

2005 Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 Bismarck, ND

2006 Feb. 27 - Mar. 1 Chamberlain, SD

2007 Feb. 26 - 28 Bismarck, ND

2008 Feb. 19 - 21 Sioux Falls, SD

2009 Feb. 23 - 25 Bismarck, ND

2010 Feb. 22 - 24 Spearfish, SD

2011 Bismarck, ND

2012 Chamberlain, SD

2013 Bismarck, ND

2014 Chamberlain, SD

2015 Feb. 17-19 Bismarck, ND

2016 Feb. 1-3 Spearfish , SD