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## President's Corner | *Jacob Boyd*

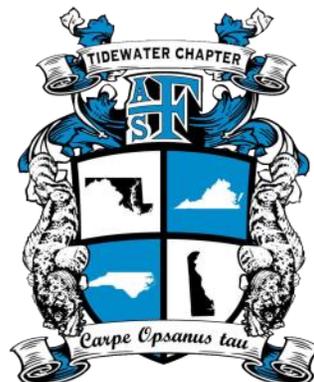
It's that time of the year again. The water is warming up and the fish are starting to bite. As I work at my desk and gaze at the beautiful water outside, I take time to reflect on the year past. For me it has been a very eventful year. I graduated, started a new job, hosted the 2012 Tidewater Chapter annual meeting, and will be having another Boyd (a girl this time). Yet, this pales in comparison to the changes that are happening in the world of fisheries.

From depleted stocks and endangered species to the tough economic times, the strain is apparent in both fishermen and managers. During these tough times it is important to remember that we as biologists did not choose this career path for the money and glory. We chose this career because we are

passionate about what we do and make every effort to take steps that sustain and protect our natural resources. It takes passion and perseverance to get through the tough times and it is up to us to continue to provide for our coast.



So the next time you are staring out the window at the beautiful day from behind your computer remember, what you do is crucial for the sustaining and protecting of our fisheries for future generations. We need people like you in the field, behind the desk, and at the meetings continuing the good fight. The Tidewater Chapter continues to thrive and move forward—none of which could happen without you. I consider myself lucky to be a part of such a great Chapter and look forward to being involved many years to come.



# Tidewater Chapter Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

## Meeting Highlights | *Jacob Boyd*

The Tidewater Chapter of the American Fisheries Society held its 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting March 8-10 in historic downtown Beaufort at the North Carolina Maritime Museum. With views of wild horses on the Rachel Carson Reserve and Taylor's Creek, the habitat was perfect for us fishy folks! We had over 110 in attendance - a great crowd.

On Thursday afternoon we held the first continuing education class in Tidewater Chapter history. We considered this to be a success with more than 36 attendees! Laura Lee and Ray Mroch of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries did a great job providing students and professionals great

pointers on analyzing data sets and growth modeling. The poster social was robust with 27 poster presentations and awesome BBQ!

Friday's schedule was completely full with over 36 oral presentations, representing universities and agencies from North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland. This was followed by the business meeting where the chapter awards were given out to Dr. Chuck Manooch (Meritorious Service), Dr. Jeff Buckel (Excellence in Fisheries Education), and Mike Street (Conservation Award). Stephanie McNerny received a special Presidential Award for all of her hard work and

effort in helping to organize the meeting. [See Awards, page 3 for a full list of award recipients.] Friday night's social proved to be lively with another Tidewater Chapter first: a raffle, which was very successful! An after party at the Backstreet Pub featured musical guest Tobacco Roses. Presentations on Saturday finished off the meeting nicely.

I would like to thank all of our sponsors including North Carolina Sea Grant as well as everyone else who contributed to organizing and executing this year's meeting. Many thanks and I look forward to seeing everyone in Maryland!



The poster session and social events were a huge success. Photos by Stephanie McNerny (left) and John Cooper (right).

For more photos from the annual meeting, visit our web site at  
<http://www.sdafs.org/tidewater/AFSTidewater/Photos/Photos.html>

## Awards | *Ron Klauda*

At the AFS Tidewater Chapter annual meeting on March 8-10, 2012, the following awards were presented:

### Special Chapter Awards

- ⇒ Meritorious Service Award presented to Chuck Manooch
- ⇒ Conservation Award presented to Mike Street
- ⇒ Excellence in Fisheries Education Award presented to Jeff Buckel
- ⇒ Outgoing Chapter President's Certificate presented to Leonard Machut
- ⇒ Incoming President's 'Coveted Oyster Toadfish' presented to Jacob Boyd

### Presidential Award

- ⇒ Presidential Award presented to Stephanie McNerny

### Eileen Setzler-Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Award

- ⇒ Presented to Steve Midway (Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Marine Biology, University of North Carolina Wilmington)

### Student Presentation Awards

- ⇒ 1st place poster award went to Ashlee Lillis (North Carolina State University)

- ⇒ 2nd place poster award went to Steve Midway (University of North Carolina Wilmington)

- ⇒ 3rd place poster award went to Samantha Binion (North Carolina State University)

- ⇒ 1st place oral paper award went to Millie Taylor (Florida State University)

- ⇒ 2nd place oral paper award went to Nicole Mehaffie (University of Maryland)

- ⇒ 3rd place oral paper award went to Jim Morley (North Carolina State University)



Student poster presentation award winners Ashlee Lillis and Steve Midway. Photo by John Cooper.



Student oral presentation award winners (left to right) Millie Taylor, Jim Morley, and Nicole Mehaffie. Photo by John Cooper.

## Welcome New President Elect: Mike Wilberg

Dr. Mike Wilberg is an assistant professor of fisheries at Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. His main research interests are population dynamics, stock assessment, harvest policy analysis, and statistical modeling. Mike grew up in northern Michigan where his interest in fisheries began with fishing on Lake Huron as well as in many of the small streams and lakes in the area. While volunteering with Michigan Department of Natural Resources one summer, he discovered that a lot more fish are caught with nets



than with hook and line. This inspired him to change his major to Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University (MSU). After completing his bachelor's degree and working as a technician, he began his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point working on lake trout populations and fishery dynamics in Lake Superior. From there, Mike moved back to MSU to pursue his Ph.D., focusing on yellow perch dynamics in Lake Michigan and methods to improve age-structured stock assessment models.

Mike's first introduction to salty fisheries issues was when he moved to CBL in 2006 and began working with American eels and Atlantic menhaden. Since that time, he and researchers in his lab have studied a wide range of species including eastern oysters, blue crabs, summer flounder, sea lamprey, king mackerel, and yellow



perch. He teaches graduate-level courses in advanced population dynamics and assessment as well as fisheries science and management. Mike has been a member of AFS since 1995, and he also serves on AFS's Publications Overview Committee and the Scientific and Statistical Committee of the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

*Bio provided by Mike Wilberg*

## *Anadromous Alosa Symposium Copies Still Available*

Paper copies of the Anadromous Alosa Symposium are available for \$5 plus postage from: Roger Rulifson, Institute for Coastal Science and Policy, Flanagan 250, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858 ([rulifson@ecu.edu](mailto:rulifson@ecu.edu)) OR a

pdf file on a CD for \$7 (incl. postage) from John Cooper, 1444 County Route 23, Constantia, NY 13044 ([cooperresearch@hughes.net](mailto:cooperresearch@hughes.net)).

*Cash and checks only. No credit cards.*



## Maryland State Update | *Bob Murphy*

### Herring Moratorium

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that there is now a statewide moratorium on the harvest of river herring - including blueback herring and alewife. The fishery closure was implemented on December 26, 2011, in response to a coast-wide concern regarding the depressed stock levels of blueback and alewife herring. This is evident by a 93% drop in commercial river herring landings along the Atlantic Coast since 1985. The Maryland commercial harvest of river herring has been falling since the early 1970s when the yearly average was about 700,000 pounds. Between 1990 and 1999 the yearly average was roughly 164,000 pounds. From 2005 to 2010 the average was just 35,200 pounds. River herring and other fish species that travel between Atlantic Coast states from Maine to Florida are managed cooperatively by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Every state from Maine to Florida was required to implement a harvest moratorium by January 1, 2012, unless sustainability of their fishery was demonstrated through State specific management plans.

### Oyster Restoration

In 2011, 510 million oyster spat were planted on more than 315 acres in six Chesapeake Bay rivers. This is the fourth year the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science's oyster

hatchery has produced more than 500 million disease-free oyster spat. The Oyster Recovery Partnership works with the university, as well as Maryland DNR, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other partners to collect and plant oysters in the Bay and its rivers.



Oyster shells being collected behind a crab house in St. Michaels, Maryland. Photo by Cory Janiak.

The Oyster Recovery Partnership also processed more than 70,000 bushels of oyster shell in 2011. About 10,000 bushels were collected through the Shell Recycling Alliance, a program that takes used oyster shells from more than 100 restaurants, caterers and seafood distributors in the region. Baby oysters (spat) must attach themselves to other oysters to grow and survive, so it's critical to collect

as many used oyster shells as possible to reuse in oyster reef restoration efforts. The Shell Recycling Alliance now provides 15 percent of the oyster shells Maryland needs for its restoration efforts.

### Blue Crab Population Rebounding

Maryland DNR announced the Chesapeake Bay's juvenile blue crab population is at the highest level on record, and the overall blue crab population is at its highest level since 1993. According to the survey, an estimated 764 million crabs spent this winter in the Bay, nearly 66% more than last year. Juvenile crabs reached a record high of 587 million, nearly triple last year's 207 million. The previous record of 512 million was set in 1997. Through a historic collaboration in 2008, Maryland, Virginia and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission took strong coordinated action to reduce harvest pressure on female crabs by 34 percent. At that time, scientists from all three jurisdictions deemed that conservation measures were necessary as blue crabs suffered near historic lows in spawning stock.



## North Carolina State Update | *Paul Rudershausen*

### Removal of the 240-Foot (40-Fathom) Prohibition

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has eliminated the 240-foot (40-fathom) snapper-grouper prohibition in South Atlantic federal waters as of May 10th, 2012. The prohibition, implemented on January 31, 2011, prohibited the possession of snowy grouper, misty grouper, yellowedge grouper, blueline tilefish, queen snapper, and silk snapper in or from the South Atlantic federal waters in depths greater than 40 fathoms. The purpose of the prohibition approved in Amendment 17B to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region was to reduce bycatch of speckled hind and warsaw grouper. However, there is evidence that the prohibition was not effective at its stated purpose and came at a higher economic cost to fishermen than anticipated. A new analysis of landings data following the implementation of the prohibition indicates that different management measures are likely more effective. Therefore, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is currently developing an amendment to further protect speckled hind and warsaw grouper. That amendment considers additional measures to reduce bycatch of speckled hind and warsaw grouper, including the expansion of existing, and the establishment of new, closed areas. The decision to eliminate the 240-foot (40-fathom) prohibition through Regulatory Amendment 11



NCSU researchers in the field, evaluating effectiveness of hook type. Photo by Sara Friedl.

to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region does not affect the prohibition on harvest and possession of speckled hind and warsaw grouper in the South Atlantic.



### Research on circle hook effectiveness for offshore use

Research from North Carolina State University (NCSU) shows that any expansion to circle hook requirements could adversely impact charter and recreational fishing, since they make it more

difficult to catch non-billfish. NCSU worked with charter boat captains and mates who were experienced with use of circle hooks to examine the efficacy of circle hooks versus J hooks when trolling offshore with rod and reel. The findings are relevant for similar fishing efforts in other waters where these same species occur.

Studies have found that circle hooks are less likely to mortally wound billfish during recreational or charter fishing. As a result, the National Marine Fisheries Service instituted regulations requiring anglers in Atlantic billfish tournaments to use circle hooks when using natural baits. J hooks are still permitted if an angler is using purely artificial bait.

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## North Carolina, continued

The NCSU research examined the relative effectiveness of circle and J hooks for three popular sporting fish: dolphinfish, yellowfin tuna, and wahoo. Circle hooks were roughly 60 to 70 percent as effective at catching these three non-billfish species as J hooks. The researchers found that the fish would still strike at the bait, but that the hook was significantly less likely to set in the mouth of the fish. However, when the hook did set, anglers were just as likely to be able to get the fish to the boat.

### Hurricane season forecast

As of their April 4th, 2012 forecast, Colorado State University

forecasters predict that 10 named storms will form during the 2012 hurricane season. University forecasters have released the annual report for the last three decades. According to the report, the net tropical cyclone activity is expected to be 75% compared to the annual median of 103% for the years 1981-2010. Forecasters expect four storms to become hurricanes, with two categorized as major hurricanes. Any storm that is category 3 and above is considered a major hurricane. The major factor that helps university forecasters create their annual report is Atlantic Thermohaline Circulation (THC).

*Editor's note: hurricane season got an early start this year with Tropical Storm Alberto forming off shore of the Carolinas on May 19th. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), this is the earliest forming tropical storm since Ana in 2003. This also marks the first time that tropical storms have developed in both the East Pacific and Atlantic basins before the official start of hurricane season, which was June 1st.*

*Even with a forecast calling for less than average storm activity, a hurricane may still make landfall in the Tidewater area. Be prepared early and have a safe summer!*

## Virginia State Update | Kevin Spanik

### Seaford Dentist catches state record Tautog

The Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament certified a 24-pound, 3-ounce tautog caught by a Seaford dentist as a new state record. The 32-inch-long fish was caught on March 25 by Ken Neill, III and broke the previous record of a 24 pound tautog set 25 years ago. Mr. Neill made the record-setting catch at the Morgan wreck, which is one of the vessels contained within the footprint of the popular Triangle Reef site and located slightly over 30 nautical miles off Cape Henry. VMRC

### Recreational limits for Summer Flounder revised

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) has lowered the recreational flounder size limit for the third year in a row, allowing anglers to keep more of the fish they catch. The 2012 flounder size limit will be 16.5 inches, with a four fish daily possession limit. The 2011 possession limit was 17.5 inches with a five fish possession limit. VMRC



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## Duke University Student Subunit Update | *Lauren Latchford*

DukeFish, the Duke University subchapter of the American Fisheries Society coordinated a screening on March 29<sup>th</sup> over our Admitted Students weekend of *Veins in the Gulf*, a documentary on the impact that the oil industry and Deepwater Horizon oil spill has had on the commercial fishing and shrimping industry as well as the citizens of coastal Louisiana. We were able to Skype with Elizabeth Coffman and Tim Hardin, directors of the film, to discuss the production and any questions we had on these events. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, The Nicholas School of the Environment organized Earth Day in which DukeFish set up a table and Go Fish! game, helping other students to understand sustainable fishing practices.

Members of DukeFish, Kelsey Ducklow and Jessie Ritter both attended the social Coast Forum in Charleston, SC. Jessie Ritter was also awarded the Edna Bailey Sussman Fellowship for her internship at NOAA Coastal Services this summer. She will be working with the Economics National Ocean Watch Dataset and doing a pilot study of the fisheries resources for Charleston and Georgetown Counties. Sam Cunningham, a recent graduate of the Nicholas School was just offered a job working as an economist for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in Anchorage, AK. He will be moving there this summer. Lauren Latchford is spending the month of May interning at Oceans Research, a

great white shark research program based in Mossel Bay, South Africa, identifying, tagging and collecting data on great whites. Keith Carlisle will be interning for Dr. Kenneth Sherman at NOAA's Large Marine Ecosystem Program where I will be developing a manual that provides guidance on NOAA's framework for ecosystem-based management of large marine ecosystems. Keith, Anthony Rogers and Jiayi Wang will be working on a group masters project for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, doing economic and GIS analyses for a guidance document that the Council is preparing concerning ecosystem approaches to fishery management in the Mid-Atlantic region.



Liza Hoos and Leland Moss host a game of Go Fish! on Earth Day.  
Photo by Lauren Latchford.

Ainsley Smith (left) and Kelsey Ducklow (right) host the DukeFish table at Admitted Students Weekend on campus.  
Photo by Kelsey Ducklow.



Lauren Latchford (left) and Kate Brogan (right) show how much fun DukeFish can be at Admitted Students Weekend on campus.  
Photo by Kelsey Ducklow.

## East Carolina University Student Subunit Update | *Brie Elking*

The East Carolina University (ECU) AFS student subunit was very active on Earth Day educating and interacting with the public at both the Shad Festival and A Time for Science. At the Shad Festival a few volunteers set up a booth and engaged the public in conversations about what we stand for, what we do, and the importance of the fish that the festival represented. We also had a game where children could catch fish.



Lyndell Bade at the ECU AFS booth at the Shad Festival on Earth Day. Photo by Annie Dowling.

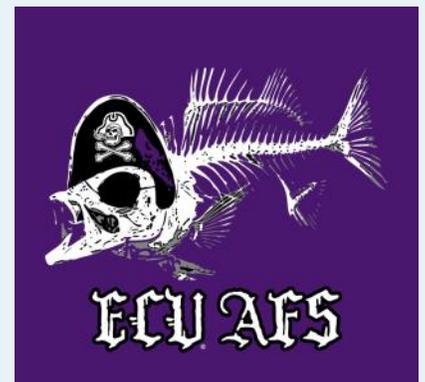


Brie Elking (left) and Dan Zapf (right) explain substrate sampling at A Time for Science. Photo by Annie Dowling.

After the Shad Festival, we packed up and headed to A Time for Science. Once there, we set up an informational table regarding the various types of fish and their structure. We also pulled some seines in a nearby pond and let the children see and hold the fish we caught. We caught a variety of fish including killifish, bluegill, mudminnows, bluespotted sunfish, and even a 5 inch largemouth bass. Needless to say, the kids were very excited to see a 'big' fish come up in our net.

After Earth Day we had our end of the year party and voted on our officers for next year. We would like to give a big thanks to all past

officers for all of their hard work. Annie Dowling is retiring as president and handing off the baton to Brie Elking and vice president Jeff Dobbs is welcoming Tyler Peacock to the seat. We give a warm welcome to all of our new officers and are looking forward to another year of activities and fun.



*Do you have something to share with us? Let us know!*

Currently, the Tidewater Press is published twice annually, in January and June. If you or anyone you know has any news, upcoming events, or opportunities related to Tidewater fisheries or research we would love to share it with our readers! Please contact Cory

Janiak, newsletter editor, at [cory.janiak@gmail.com](mailto:cory.janiak@gmail.com) with any announcements you would like to place.

*To share or keep updated through the Tidewater AFS listserv, see page 7 for details.*

## University of Maryland Chesapeake Biological Laboratory Student Subunit Update | *Danielle Zaveta and Nicole Mehaffie*

The fall of 2011 brought exciting changes to the University of Maryland Subunit. As the fall began we welcomed in some new faces and said farewell to our subunit president. Amanda Colton won the prestigious Presidential Management Fellowship and after successfully defending her Master's thesis, began working for the U.S. Forest Service on freshwater fishes in Virginia. Congratulations also to Dr. Bill Connelly! He began working on a post-doctoral fellowship at CBL after his successful defense.



From left to right: Christian Conroy, Mike O'Brien and Nicole Mehaffie at the Seattle Space Needle.

This last fall, the subunit voted on amendments to our bylaws and started to design a website. Along with classes and research, the UMD subunit was busy attending meetings and paper discussions. We gave several presentations at the AFS annual meeting in Seattle and Nicole Mehaffie gave a poster presentation at the Florida State University Mote Symposium. Our paper discussions this fall covered a wide variety of topics ranging from stable isotopes, to the global growth of Individual Transferable Quotas

(ITQs), to the difficulty in managing species that exhibit hyper stability.

At the start of the spring term 2012, students were involved in a nautical knowledge and knot tying class as well as a multi-day GIS course. The subunit very excitedly participated in the annual TWC meeting in Beaufort, NC. Sarah Rains and Jennifer Humphrey presented posters and Ben Gahagan, Nicole Mehaffie, Mike O'Brien, Jason Robinson and Danielle Zaveta gave talks. Former member of the UMD subunit, Christian Conroy, successfully defended his Master's thesis and is moving to Northeastern University to begin a doctoral program. We have stayed busy this spring discussing topics such as applying multivariate ordination techniques

to fisheries research questions. Also, students participated in lunch discussions with two distinguished guest speakers. Dr. Robert Cowen of the University of Miami discussed his cutting edge work on imaging ichthyoplankton and Dr. Ellen Pikitch of Stony Brook University discussed her recent work with the Lenfest Forage Fish Task Force. To round out a great semester, the subunit is looking forward to participating in the local "Bernie Fowler Wade In" event to help educate the public on the science behind some of the Chesapeake Bay's top environmental concerns.

Congratulations to our new officers for this 2011-2012 academic year: president, Nicole Mehaffie, secretary, Danielle Zaveta, and treasurer, Mike O'Brien!



Subunit members enjoy themselves at 2012 TWC annual meeting social. From left to right: Danielle Zaveta, Sarah Rains, Ben Gahagan, Mike O'Brien and Jason Robinson. Photo by Nicole Mehaffie

## Delaware State University Update | *Cory Janiak*

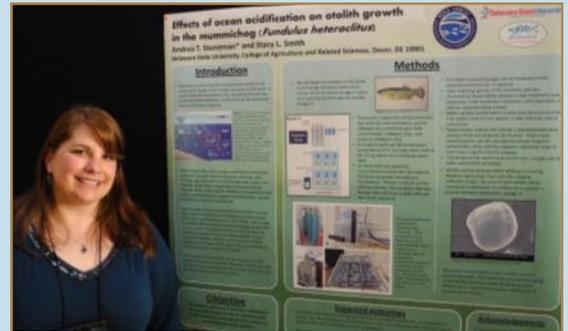
This last spring was a very busy one! In February, Cory Janiak travelled to Las Vegas for the Aquaculture America conference and presented a poster that won 2nd place. In March, Mike Cinelli, Andrea Stoneman, and Cory Janiak all presented posters at the NOAA EPP Forum in Tallahassee, FL. And on April 20th, all of the graduate students presented at the 2nd Annual DSU Graduate Symposium. Kate Fleming won first place in her session for her talk on Gulf sturgeon.

After a busy spring we are saying good bye to many of our students this year. We are all very proud of Kate Fleming, who was awarded a two year NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship and will begin this August. She will be working to develop a marine spatial plan for Delaware Bay and Delaware's Atlantic Ocean with the Delaware Coastal Program. Matt Breece recently returned from presenting his research on Atlantic sturgeon at the World Fisheries

Congress in Edinburgh in early May. He has moved on from DSU to continue his work with Atlantic sturgeon as a doctoral candidate at University of Delaware. Johnny Moore, the former DSU student representative, is now working at Delaware Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and is busy performing age analyses. Becca Lynch was awarded her B.S. and graduated with honors this May. She landed a position with DNREC as well, and is loving racking up time on the water as a seasonal biological aid performing trawl surveys in the salty waters of the state.

The 2012 field season promises to be pretty exciting. Kris Roeske is preparing to begin his first field season cooperating with DNREC over at Blackbird Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluating juvenile blue crab habitat. Both Cory Janiak and Andrea Stoneman will be

spending their research season at the DSU Aquaculture Research and Demonstration Facility. Andrea is examining the effect of ocean acidification on early development of fish, namely otolith growth. She will be presenting this season's results at the national AFS meeting in her home state of Minnesota. Cory will continue building on last year's work in developing aquaculture methods for a marine baitfish. In collaboration with DSU Cooperative Extension and with support from Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Cory hosted a Hatchery Workshop on May 31st.



Andrea Stoneman presenting at the NOAA EPP Forum in Tallahassee, FL. Photo by Cory Janiak.

## AFS Annual Meeting in Minneapolis-St. Paul: August 19-23, 2012

Begin making plans to attend next year's Annual Meeting in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, beautiful Minnesota. The meeting focus is Fisheries Networks: Building Ecological, Social and Professional Relationships. Conference attendees will have the

opportunity to network with fisheries professionals and students, stay current on the latest in fisheries science, and enjoy the sights and scenes of the Twin Cities and beyond. **Early bird registration ends June 30th.** For more information, visit [afs2012.org/](http://afs2012.org/).



## Seeking President-Elect Nominees | Leonard Machut

The Tidewater Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is seeking nominations for the President-Elect position. Scheduled to be held in Virginia during the spring of 2014, the successful nominee will assume the Program Committee chair and will have the honor of hosting the annual meeting. The President-Elect assumes the presidency upon the expiration of the current President's term. Nominations

including a brief bio can be submitted to Nomination Committee Chairman Leonard Machut ([ismachut@vims.edu](mailto:ismachut@vims.edu)) by December 1, 2012. Self-nomination is accepted, and in fact, encouraged.

Candidate bios will appear in the winter newsletter along with voting directions. The successful nominee will be announced during the 2013 meeting being held in Maryland and will assume the

position during the business meeting. I have personally enjoyed the satisfaction of successfully developing the 2011 25th anniversary meeting, and have relished the opportunity to develop new acquaintances and kindle new friendships through this office. I fully encourage all to apply. For more information about officers and duties visit the chapter's website ([www.sdafs.org/tidewater](http://www.sdafs.org/tidewater)) and click on the Bylaws.

## Treasurer's Report | Stephanie McNerny

After the annual meeting, the Tidewater Chapter made a total of \$877.57 which includes \$340.00 raised from the raffle during Friday night's dinner social at the Maritime Museum. In addition, \$360.00 was collected in dues during meeting registration.

2011 Chapter taxes have been filed with the IRS. As a reminder, student subunits do not have to file taxes because they are covered under the Chapter.

25th Anniversary T-shirts can still be purchased on our website for \$10 (includes shipping) and will be available again for purchase at the 2012 Annual Meeting.

If you are not currently a member of the Chapter but would like to join, a membership form can be found on the Chapter website or you can email me at [Stephanie.McInerny@ncdenr.gov](mailto:Stephanie.McInerny@ncdenr.gov). Annual dues for 2012 are \$10.00. A lifetime membership is available for a onetime fee of \$150.00 and should be sent to:

**Stephanie McNerny**  
**TWC Secretary/Treasurer**  
**209 Brigantine Ct.**  
**Cape Carteret, NC 28584**

*Please make checks payable to: "Tidewater Chapter AFS."*



### Current Financial Report

Checking:	\$13,778.29
Mutual Fund:	\$ 1,088.16
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$14,866.45</b>

## New Newsletter Editor | Cory Janiak



The tides are ever changing in the Tidewater Chapter. Presidents and student subunit members are always coming and going. Then again, certain contributing members continue to serve in their roles for years on end. One of these diligent volunteers, Sara Mirabilio, recently stepped down from her role as the

newsletter editor. Thanks to Sara for all of her hard work and years of contribution. I'd also like to thank her for giving me the opportunity to fill in her footsteps.

This newsletter will be the first of many that I will contribute to as the new editor, and I believe this will be a perfect fit. As a former extension agent, sharing current events and research is my bread and

butter. And as a current DSU graduate student transplanted from the west coast, this opportunity has already proven to be a wonderful way to get to know all sorts of new fish folks from the region.

I look forward to sharing news with you and hopefully get to meet most of you at the next annual meeting in my current home state of Maryland.

# Who's Who in the Tidewater Chapter | *Stephanie McInerny and Cory Janiak*

The following list includes individuals that paid membership dues for 2012. Student members have not been included in the list at this time.

<b><u>North Carolina</u></b>	Nicole Carlozo	Leonard Machut
Allyn Powell	Paul Rudershausen	Marcel Montane
Andy Ostrowski	Ray Mroch	Ryan Schloesser
Benjamin Kornegay	Reid Laney	Troy Tuckey
Brett Harrison	Roger Rulifson	
Brian Boutin	Sara Mirabilio	<b><u>Delaware</u></b>
Bryan Pearson	Scott Baker	Lonnie Gonsalves
Carol Price	Stephanie McInerny	Timothy Targett
Charles Bangley	Stephen Poland	
Chris Taylor	Steve Midway	<b><u>Florida</u></b>
Chuck Manooch	Thomas Thompson	Mollie Taylor
David Meyer	Warren Mitchell	Sarah Friedl
Douglas Vaughan		
Eric Palkovacs	<b><u>Maryland</u></b>	<b><u>New Jersey</u></b>
Frederick Scharf	Andrew Loftus	Kenneth Able
Garry Wright	Benjamin Gahagan	
Jacob Boyd	Bradley Stevens	<b><u>New York</u></b>
James Morris	Christopher Heyer	John Cooper
James Rice	Courtney Janiak	
Jason Rock	David Secor	
Jeffrey Buckel	Edward Houde	<b><u>West Virginia</u></b>
Jeffrey Dobbs	James Gracie	Kyle Hartman
Jen Weaver	James Uphoff	
Joann Yue	Jason Robinson	<b><u>California</u></b>
Jody Callihan	Jules Loos	Dennis Matsunaga
Joel Fodrie	Marek Topolski	
John Boreman	Michael Wilberg	
Julianne Harris	<b><u>Virginia</u></b>	
Katharine Kleber	Allison Watts	
Kris Lewis	Andre Buchheister	
Kyle Shertzer	Brooke Lowman	
Lyndell Bade	David Rudders	
Marissa Dueker	Jameson Gregg	
Mary Egbert	Jessica Thompson	
Maurice Crawford	Jon Lucy	
Michael Street	Joseph Grist	
Nate Bachelor	Lauren Nys	

## *Executive Committee*

**President:** Jacob Boyd

**President Elect:** Mike Wilberg

**Past President/ Nominating Committee Chair:**  
Leonard Machut

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