

## Membership

Annual dues for the Michigan Chapter are \$5.00 made payable to Michigan Chapter—AFS. Please send dues to:

Michigan Chapter AFS  
484 Cherry Creek Road  
Marquette, MI 49855

Annual dues for the American Fisheries Society are \$76 for general membership. For more information on rates for students and retirees refer to: <http://www.fisheries.org/afs/>

## Newsletter

Our annual newsletter includes updates of projects, programs, continuing education workshops, and meetings. You can view our newsletters on line at: <http://www.fisheries.org/units/miafs/index.html>



*The Michigan Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is a professional organization interested in maintaining high standards for the fisheries profession and ensuring conservation of Michigan's aquatic resources. This website is a source of information regarding the Michigan Chapter and activities.*

Check out the Michigan Chapter

AFS website at:

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Society**

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*...promoting sound  
fisheries science, manage-  
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Michigan since 1973*

# The American Fisheries Society (AFS) and Michigan Chapter

The American Fisheries Society (AFS) founded in



1870, is the oldest and largest professional society representing fisheries scientists in North American. AFS promotes scientific research and enlightened management of aquatic resources for optimum use and enjoyment by the public. AFS functions include:

## Publications

The Society publishes Transactions of the American Fisheries Society, North American Journal of Aquaculture, Journal of Aquatic Animal Health, the monthly magazine Fisheries, and several book publications available online.



## Technical Meetings

The society holds an annual scientific meeting in late summer where new results are discussed.

## Policy Development

AFS actively participates in the formation of public policy through environmental and policy statements, resolutions, and legislative testimony.

## Professional Certification

The AFS Professional Certification Program



evaluates the education and professional experience of fisheries workers. Successful applicants are awarded certificates on a two-tiered system.

## Public Relations

AFS staff and members carry the conservation message to varied audiences through publications, personal appearances, and one-on-one communications.



# MICHIGAN CHAPTER

The Michigan Chapter of the AFS was founded in 1973 and currently serves close to 500 members from state and federal

agencies, tribes, universities, consulting firms and the public. The Chapter welcomes active participation from anyone interested in aquatic resources. The primary objectives of the Chapter are to provide a forum for discussion of fishery issues, increase the awareness of aquatic resource issues in the state, and encourage networking among people with common interests.

**A**ctivities of the Chapter revolve around yearly meetings, continuing education workshops, and several standing committees.

**M**eetings feature speakers from around the state. Our Chapter particularly seeks and encourages student participation. We strive for continually changing meeting themes and locations to meet the diverse needs of our members.

**C**hapter committees offer an avenue for action at the local and state level and an opportunity for member participation. The Continuing Education Committee organizes short training courses on topics such as fluvial geomorphology, mussel workshops, fish identification, GIS and statistical workshops. The Rivers and Streams committee is active both locally and regionally. The Nominations committee selects candidates for Chapter Officers. The Awards Committee solicits nominees for Chapter Awards such as the Hazzard Award, Leonard Award, and the Fenske Memorial Award and Best Student Paper Award.



Lake State Superior University Student sampling mussels on area stream.