

New York Chapter American Fisheries Society  
Annual Meeting  
Final Call for Papers  
February 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Lake George, NY

**New York's Fisheries Heritage**

As professionals dedicated to the conservation and management of New York's aquatic resources, we are constantly confronted with new challenges and threats to our fish and fisheries. Our Annual Meetings provide opportunities to focus on emerging problems and learn of new ones that may be on the horizon. Since bad news seems to be all around these days, the Program Committee thinks our members might be ready for a meeting that allows us to reflect on our accomplishments and celebrate the quality of our aquatic resources. New York State possesses an incredible diversity of aquatic habitats that support a diverse fish fauna and sustains quality fisheries for a wide variety of species. The 2010 Annual Meeting theme will focus on the rich heritage of our State's resources and the accomplishments of those who work to conserve and manage them. This year we will take the time to examine the heritage of our native fishes, the diversity of their communities and the roots of recreational and commercial anglers. We will also explore the history of those professionals who serve, support and protect the fisheries resources of New York State.

We are also excited to announce our keynote speaker Dr. Robert A. Daniels, Curator of Ichthyology at the New York State Museum and Assistant Director of Research and Collections. He received an AB in Zoology from UCLA and a MS and PhD in Ecology at UC, Davis. Dr. Daniels' research deals with fish-habitat relationships and fish zoogeography and distribution. He is particularly interested in the ecology of endangered species. He also monitors changes in the distribution of crayfishes in New York. Dr. Daniels and others are already planning their presentations for this year's meeting. With such an interesting and broad topic we're planning a line up of New York's best fisheries professionals to share their knowledge and experience.

If you would like to speak on this or another topic or wish to present a poster please contact Casey Festa at 518-402-8898 or [cafesta@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:cafesta@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

Oral presentations are limited to 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentation plus 5 minutes for speaker introduction and questions). All oral presenters are expected to deliver PowerPoint presentations. There are still slots open for the contributed paper and poster sessions.

Abstracts for oral presentations and posters must be received by January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

When submitting your abstract:

- Use a brief but descriptive title and avoid acronyms or scientific names in the title unless the common name is not widely known;

- List all authors, their affiliations, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses;
- Provide a summary of your findings and restrict your abstract to 200 words;
- Email your submission in Microsoft Word format.

### **Meeting Venue**

This year's meeting will be held February 10-12, 2010 at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George, NY. Information and driving directions may be found at [www.fortwilliamhenry.com](http://www.fortwilliamhenry.com). Guest rooms will be available at the special AFS rate of \$95/night so reserve by January 28, 2010. When making reservations please use the code "NYSCAFS10". Call 800-234-0267 to reserve your room.

### **Meeting Registration Fees**

	<b>Full Registration</b>	<b>One Day Registration</b>
<b>Member</b>	\$95	\$55
<b>Non-Member</b>	\$120	\$80
<b>Student Member</b>	\$45	\$30
<b>Student Non-Member</b>	\$65	\$45

Registration fees include a small social on Wednesday night, a mid-morning and mid-afternoon breaks on Thursday (including snacks and beverages), breakfast, lunch, dinner and social on Thursday and breakfast Friday.

Please stick around and join us Friday afternoon for an Ice Fishing Social on Lake George at Million Dollar Beach! The Chapter will be providing food, bait and beverage.