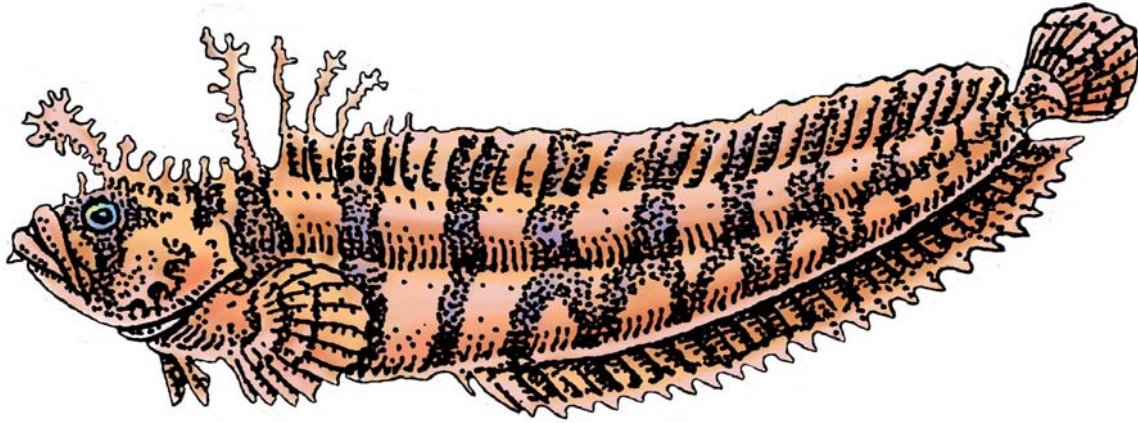


AFS American Fisheries Society

Organized 1870 to Promote the Conservation and Wise Utilization of the Fisheries
Alaska Chapter organized in 1974

135th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society in Anchorage.
September 12-15, 2005, Egan Center and Performing Arts Center.

FINAL MEETING UPDATE: Scheduled Interviews with Fish Experts



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Where:

Media Room in Mezzanine Conference room up east stairs, Egan Center
Media Room Phone is 263-2868

When:

Monday September 12

12:00 Noon Plenary Session Speakers
1:00 PM Climate Change and Salmon
2:00 PM Cool Fisheries Technology

Tuesday, September 13

10:00 PM Ray Troll, Alaska Fish Artist
12:00 Noon Jaws in Alaska – Sharks and Skates
3:20 PM Cooperative Research and Management (in Discovery Theater)

Wednesday, September 14

9:00 AM North Pacific Ground Fish Management
1:00 PM Where Do I Go From Here? A Salmon's Story - Salmon Ocean Migration

Thursday, September 15

9:00 Crabs and Other Crusty Creatures

Who:

Plenary Session Speakers – Monday Noon

Dr. Barbara Knuth who developed the Fisheries Mosaic theme of the meeting and who is the overall organizer of the meeting is the incoming President of the 9,000 member American Fisheries Society.

Patricia Cochran, an Inupiat Eskimo born and raised in Nome, Alaska, and Executive Director of the Alaska Native Science Commission (<http://www.nativescience.org>), will speak about the potential for traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) to inform fisheries and aquatic resource science and management.

Dr. Heather Tausig, is the Director of Conservation for the New England Aquarium (www.neaq.org), and manager of the EcoSound Project effort to work directly and strategically with the seafood marketing industry to improve global fishery stocks.

Ray Troll, the notorious Alaskan fish artist (see additional interview opportunity below)

Climate Change and Salmon – Monday, 1:00 PM

Dr. Dick Beamish of the Canada Division of Fisheries and Oceans is a leader in initially identifying and raising awareness of climate changes and concerns in Canada and Alaska.

Dr. Kate Myers School of Aquatic & Fishery Sciences, University of Washington and Dr. Jim Seeb of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game was involved in the international study of Bering Sea salmon response to climate changes.

Fran Ulmer, the former Alaska Lieutenant Governor who inspired a five nation study of salmon response to climate in the Bering Sea will be speaking at the meeting and may also be available for interviews.

Cool Fisheries Technology – Monday, 2:00 PM

Debby Burwen is a leading scientist in hydroacoustic monitoring of fish with sonar in the silty waters of Alaska rivers.

Ted Otis of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game promises some great underwater video glimpses of fish.

Dr. Peggy Tsang, executive director of POST, a continental-scale acoustic tracking array that will for the first time allow tracking individual animals from salmon smolts to blue whales in the ocean.

Dr. David Welch is Chief Scientist of POST and a well known in salmon ocean ecologist.

Ray Troll, Alaskan Fish Artist – Tuesday 10 a.m.

Ray Troll, who was commissioned to develop the official fisheries poster and art for the meeting, will share the twists and turns of science and art in his unique fish-inspired career.

Cooperative Research and Management – Tuesday 3:20 (Discovery Theater)

Alisia Read organized the symposium to highlight Stakeholder involvement in Fisheries Research and Management because of the growing interest in direct involvement of multiple stakeholder groups in fisheries research and management.

Dr. Ray Hilborn, a dynamic and at times controversial leader in Fisheries science has stimulated the development of important concepts in Fisheries management such as Adaptive Management (which has been adopted in other fields such as wildlife management and governmental policy) and questioning whether the use of hatchery efforts to sustain salmon could be harmful as well as helpful will talk about another new concept in fisheries management.

North Pacific Ground Fish Management -9:00 AM

Jane Dicosomo is a longtime scientist for the North Pacific Fisheries Management council which is recognized for its successful science-based fisheries management.

Where do I Go From Here? A Salmon's Story on Ocean Migration

Dr. David Welch is a leading scientist who pieced together much of the early understanding of ocean migrations of juvenile salmon in the Gulf of Alaska circulating gyre and continues to be a recognized leader in new methods of studying the ocean.

Jack Helle has spent his career in south east Alaska studying salmon in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea.

Dr Peggy Tsang is executive director of POST, the Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking array.

Jaws in Alaska – Sharks and Skates 9:00 am Thursday

Dr Kenneth Goldman and Dr. Jack Musick, symposium organizers, will assemble several experts to answer questions about sharks and skates.

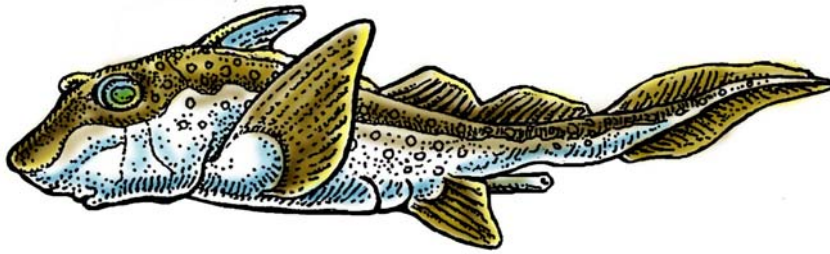
Crustaceans and other Crusty Creatures

Dr. Gordon Kruse, a former ADFG crustacean research supervisor and now a U of Alaska Professor will assemble several experts for interviews about these critters of special interest to Alaskans because of their interesting biology, high-stakes fisheries, and their good taste”

Approximately 2,300 fisheries scientists are expected to attend, including some of the world's foremost experts on fish and fisheries. The technical program includes 1,800 oral and poster presentations over four days.

The American Fisheries Society is the world's oldest and largest fisheries science society, with more than 9,000 members in 70 countries. Its mission is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals. The society publishes four journals, Fisheries magazine, and up to a dozen books every year.

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