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Greeting from the Water Quality Section of AFS!

This is the third Quarterly newsletter. We hope that everyone is well and finding solitary opportunities to enjoy nature and avoid infection by COVID-19.

AFS is hosting a mid-year virtual meeting. Anyone interested presenting their work please contact Doug Austen: [dausten@fisheries.org](mailto:dausten@fisheries.org)

This meeting will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AFS in Columbus. The abstract deadline is now April 20. We hope that many of you will plan on attending. Full refunds will be available up to a week before the meeting in case of illness or trip cancellation by your employer. [afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/](http://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/)

If you would like to become more involved in our section and AFS, we have an opportunity to lead next year's student poster award. If you prefer to share the responsibility, that is an option, and we will help by advertising reviewers.

We are supporting two symposia. Than Hitt and Ryan Argo organized a symposium entitled 'Water Quality and Fisheries: Insights from the Ohio River Basin' (Session 9224). The section will also sponsor the Symposium 'Temperature Modeling to Management: Planning for Cold Water Resources' organized by Jonathan Leiman, Guido Yactayo and Anna Kasko (Session 9226). <https://afs.confex.com/afs/2020/webprogrampreliminary/>

### 2020 AFS Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting

Kudo's to Nathan Wentz for represented the section at the mid-year meeting in Little Rock, AR in February. Discussion of implementing the President's strategic plan will be continued from the meeting, and one item is to look for ways to increase AFS diversity. A SWOT analysis of how AFS can contribute to disseminating the science associated with climate change was conducted, and one idea was to work with the angling community.

AFS is looking for a few good books, so if you are interested in authoring a book, it is a good time to do so. Nathan says that Jesse Truschenski is leading a Special committee on Standards that may benefit from our

Section's water quality expertise.

A big thank you to Nathan for agreeing to represent us and providing these excellent notes!

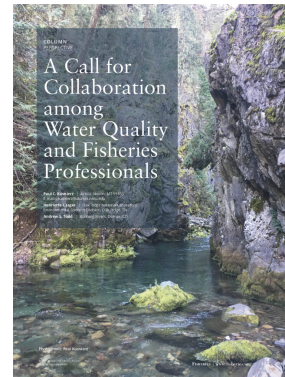
### Water quality policy

Chris Yoder, Research Director of the Midwest Biodiversity Institute, has volunteered to be a delegate to represent the WQ Section on the Resource Policy committee next year. This carries a small commitment of time and can help AFS to inform policy on environmental flows, dams, and other relevant topics.

Dru Winters ([dwinters@fisheries.org](mailto:dwinters@fisheries.org)) winters is soliciting comment on the EPA proposed rule change entitled 'Strengthening transparency in regulatory science that would bar use of studies using data that is not publicly available (e.g., private dam owners or other data under a non-disclosure agreement).

[www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OA-2018-0259-9322](http://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OA-2018-0259-9322)

### Notable publications



Congratulations to President-elect Paul Kusnierz for publishing an essay on collaboration in the latest issue of Fisheries.

10.1002/fsh.10366

Do you have a publication you'd like to highlight? If so, please let us know.

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Please stay well and take care of each other,

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