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Greeting from the Water Quality Section of AFS! This is the second Quarterly updates that will be sent out to the membership.

Congratulations to Paul Kusnierz, our new President-elect. Also, a very big thank you to Andrew Todd for his service. Gregg Lomnicky continues as treasurer and webmaster.

If you have not yet renewed your AFS & Water Quality Section memberships, please remember to do so before the end of January. Please log in and renew at

https://secure.fisheries.org/MemberResponsive/MyAccount/Sign_In.aspx?LoginRedirect=true&returnurl=%2FMemberResponsive%2FMemberResponsive%2FMyAccount%2FAccount_Page.aspx.

This summer's meeting in Columbus, Ohio

This meeting will celebrate the 150th anniversary of AFS. We hope that many of you will plan on submitting abstracts and attending.

<https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/>.

We are seeking nominations to lead next year's student poster award. Please encourage your students to apply (guidance will be forthcoming).

Thanks to Than Hitt and Ryan Argo for organizing a symposium entitled 'Water Quality and Fisheries: Insights from the Ohio River Basin'. Topics include historical perspectives (trends in water quality and fish), future threats and opportunities, and opportunities to link water quality management and fisheries in practice. Contact nhitt@usgs.gov if you are interested in presenting.

Water quality education

Barry Baldigo worked with the AFS Education Section to produce a webinar entitled 'Clean Air Act Success Story,' found here:

<https://fisheries.org/category/webinars/>.

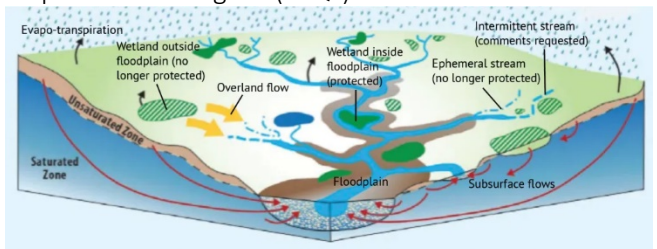
Barry contributed to our 'Bad Acid' Symposium at the 2018 meeting. Thank you, Barry!

AFS is now accepting proposals for half- or full-day [Continuing Education](#) courses to be held on Saturday and Sunday before the meeting in Columbus.

Water quality policy

I would like 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. If you are interested and have expertise in these areas, please send a CV.

EPA's proposed changes to Section 401 Water Quality Certifications excellent infographic below illustrates the implications of the policy changes. AFS, as part of a larger Consortium of Aquatic Science Societies has formulated a comment in response to these changes with help from Bob Hughes (WQS) and others.



AFS President Scott Bonar has also been crafting a statement jointly with the World Aquatic Societies, with help from the board, on fisheries implications of climate change.

Check out news updates on our Section website at <https://waterquality.fisheries.org/> and please friend us on facebook www.facebook.com/AFS-Water-Quality-Section-369954383031160/ and feel free to post water quality news.

We also invite you to send news items to include in future quarterly news 'streams.'

Thank you for caring about water quality!

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