



# Fish Health Section



## **FHS NEWS – August 2025**

**Fish Health Section website:** <https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/>

**Fish Health Section Facebook Site:** <https://facebook.com/FishHealthSectionAFS>

**Fish Health Section on LinkedIn:** Please join our newest social media network at LinkedIn Login, Sign in or search for us and ask to join.

**Fish Health Section Twitter/X feed:** @AFSFishHealth

**Fish Health Section Fishbook Group:** <https://fishbook.fisheries.org/groups/fish-health-section/>

A new AFS networking platform now allows fisheries professionals to share and collaborate on research projects, as well as form networking groups. The Fisheries Collaboration Network, nicknamed Fishbook, is now open for all to create accounts. Upload your research projects in progress or even those still in the conceptual stage, receive comments and find collaborators. Check out the Fish Health Section Group.

**Welcome to our newest and returning members:** Jill Rolland, Juan Martinez, Daniel DeLap, and Madelynn Eichler. To continue receiving the monthly newsletter, please renew your memberships in AFS and the FHS at <https://fisheries.org/membership/>.

## **FHS Procedural Manual updated**

Please visit the link to see the newest version [https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/30/2025/06/FHS\\_Procedural\\_Manual\\_final\\_revision-approved-by-EXCOM-15-Apr-2025.pdf](https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/30/2025/06/FHS_Procedural_Manual_final_revision-approved-by-EXCOM-15-Apr-2025.pdf)

## **Fish Health Workshops - Looking for Programs**

The Archive Committee continues its search for programs from past Fish Health Workshops. If you have a hard or digital copy of the following years, please email Matt Stinson ([mstinson@nwifc.org](mailto:mstinson@nwifc.org)).

Westerns: 1960-1998, 2000, 2004, 2014, 2023

Easterns: 1979, 1993, 2022

## MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & COURSES



Every four years, the Fish Health Section of the American Fisheries Society convenes ISAAH, a symposium that is broad in scientific scope, geographic range, and impact to the aquatic animal health community worldwide

The 10<sup>th</sup> ISAAH will be hosted by Nord University in Bodø, Norway, offering unique opportunities for...

- Networking
- Continuing education
- Industry engagement
- Facility tours

SAVE THE DATE—DETAILS COMING SOON!



**American Fisheries Society**  
**Fish Health Section**

## JOBS/GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

**Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Aquatic Animal Health**  
**College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University**  
Ithaca, NY

First considerations October 1, 2025, open until filled.

The College of Veterinary Medicine invites applications for a full-time assistant/associate/full professor position (tenure track) to develop an exceptional research program and contribute to the aquatic animal health program, which includes a state-of-the-art aquatic research facility located in the veterinary college.

Candidates having a D.V.M. degree or equivalent and/or PhD training and practical experience will be considered. The successful applicant will be expected to build and maintain an active research program in fish health, and candidates working on infectious diseases of fish will be preferred. Other desirable qualities of the successful candidate include an interest in sustainable aquaculture production, climate change, population health, and aquatic invertebrates. Strong interpersonal skills, leadership ability, public-speaking experience, and the ability to work in collaborative research, diagnostic, clinical, and teaching environments are required.

See attached .pdf for more information.

## **Combined Anatomic Pathology Residency and PhD with an Aquatic Animal Emphasis University of Georgia**

Applications by September 15, 2025 for assured consideration

The Department of Pathology, College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of Georgia (<https://vet.uga.edu/pathology>) in conjunction with the Georgia Aquarium has an available combined residency and PhD training position in anatomic pathology with aquatic animal emphasis (<https://vet.uga.edu/education/intern-residency-programs/pathology-residency-program/>) beginning July 1, 2026. The incoming resident will join a team of 9 residents and a diverse faculty, including 1 certified fish pathologist and 23 ACVP diplomates, with expertise in domestic, aquatic, avian, exotic, wildlife, and laboratory animal pathology. This intensive, comprehensive, 5-year training program is designed to meet the eligibility requirements for board certification by the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and meets most requirements for Fish Pathologist certification by the American Fisheries Society. Aquatic pathology experience is focused on the extensive collection of freshwater and marine fishes at the Georgia Aquarium and includes work conducted both at UGA and on-site in Atlanta. Exposure to invertebrates, amphibians, turtles, aquatic birds, and marine mammals occurs periodically. Residency training is augmented by necropsy experience in conjunction with the AAFLD-accredited Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, surgical biopsy service to the UGA Veterinary Teaching Hospital and private veterinary practices, and rotations in the Zoo and Exotic Animal Pathology Service.

More details in attached .pdf

### **Zebrafish Related Job Announcements**

<https://wiki.zfin.org/display/jobs/Zebrafish-Related+Job+Announcements>

## **RESOURCES/NEWS**

### **Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership (AADAP) Updates are available by request:**

The AADAP Updates feature news on aquaculture drugs currently in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval process, AADAP programmatic updates, and aquaculture drug use guidance information. If you would like to sign up to receive the AADAP Update, please email to be [paige\\_maskill@fws.gov](mailto:paige_maskill@fws.gov) added to our email listserv.

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transcripts) for the **Certificate in Veterinary Pathology Program (Residency in Pathology)** must also be submitted through the Graduate school website (<http://grad.uga.edu/admissions/requirements/>) by September 15, 2025. The University of Georgia is located in Athens, a vibrant community of 100,000 located in the wooded Piedmont hills of northeast Georgia. Offering the amenities of a cosmopolitan city, the surrounding area also offers a wide variety of lifestyle choices. Athens is located 1½ hours from Atlanta, two hours from the Appalachian Trail, and four hours from the Atlantic coast. The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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The successful candidate will be expected to take on a multi-faceted role that includes developing an active and extramurally funded research program, as well as additional specific roles, including (1) Providing expertise in diagnosis, treatment, and pathological examination of fish for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Cornell Animal Health Diagnostic Center. (2) Serving as one of the Associate Directors of AQUAVET® at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, providing operational direction to a diverse program incorporating many topics relating to aquatic organisms, their environment, and the application of traditional veterinary disciplines to aquatic animals.

In conjunction with the diagnostic services provided, the candidate will communicate with fish culturists, the general public, and fish biologists from state and federal agencies to educate and investigate the spread of important fish pathogens. Mentoring of graduate and DVM students, wildlife interns, and anatomic pathology residents is required. The individual will also contribute to the College of Veterinary Medicine's missions in a diverse array of topics including disease ecology, aquaculture, fish mortality events, risk management, diagnostic development, pathogen discovery, food systems and public health, and ecosystem health. The development of an interdisciplinary research program with positive impacts of local and international significance is encouraged. The candidate will be expected to develop, maintain, and teach in special training programs such as AQUAVET® and advance the aquatic health curriculum to recruit and train veterinarians for future roles in veterinary medicine that support aquatic food production and aquatic ecosystems. Outreach activities engaging stakeholders of the aquaculture industry and related fields are also encouraged.



The individual will have their academic home in the transdisciplinary Department of Public & Ecosystem Health, but will interact broadly with faculty in the Cornell Animal Health Diagnostic Center and other Departments throughout the College of Veterinary Medicine, as well as with the Cornell K. Lisa Yang Center for Wildlife Health. The candidate will also work closely with faculty within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, which is making several hires in marine sciences, and units/initiatives across campus interested in aquatic animal medicine, public health, sustainable food production, and advanced diagnostic technologies including eDNA. This position is full-time (12-month), with initial appointment being for three years with opportunity for renewal contingent on funding and successful annual reviews.

The salary range for this position is \$120,000 to \$180,000 and will be commensurate with credentials and experience.

For more information, please contact [aquaticanimalpro@cornell.edu](mailto:aquaticanimalpro@cornell.edu). Prospective candidates should upload their application materials to <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/30316>. Materials should include a cover letter including career goals, curriculum vitae, and statements [max. 2 pages each] of teaching interests/philosophy and research interests. In addition, we ask applicants for all faculty positions to share their experiences and/or approaches (past, current, or future) to fostering learning, research service, and/or outreach in a diverse community. Applicants may choose to submit a stand-alone statement or embed the information in other parts of their application materials. Candidates will also be required to provide the names of 3 referees.

The search committee will begin considering complete applications October 1, 2025, and continue to accept applications until the position is filled.

*The Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine is recognized internationally as a leader in animal medicine, veterinary medical education, public health, and biomedical research.*

