



Fish Health Section



FHS NEWS – February 2026

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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.

Now is the time to renew your AFS & FHS memberships. To continue receiving the monthly newsletter, please renew your memberships in AFS and the FHS at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/afs/member/index.cfm>.

AFS-FHS Call for Nominations: Due by April 13th

Do you know someone who is looking to contribute to the Fish Health Section?
Are you looking to be more involved in your professional community?

The Nominating and Balloting Committee is seeking nominees for the following positions:

- Vice-President (4 year term)
- Professional Standards Committee (3 year term)
- Policy/Position Development Committee (3 year term)
- Nominating and Balloting Committee (3 year term)

Those that volunteer their time to serve on FHS committees gain valuable experience, build valuable connections and can help make a big difference in our Section in many ways!

For more information on these positions visit the FHS website: <https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/about/by-laws/>

All nominees must be Fish Health Section members in good standing. Nominees for the Professional Standards Committee must be a Certified Fish Health Inspector, a Certified Fish Pathologist, or a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

The nomination period is open now until **April 13, 2025**. Please send all nominations to Alison Johnson (aajohnson@utah.gov).

Don't miss out on this chance to serve our important fish health organization!

Snieszko Student Travel Award – Call for Applications

The FHS Awards Committee is soliciting applications for the Snieszko Student Travel Awards, which will award money to student members of the AFS-FHS to attend the 10th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health (ISAAH-10) which will be held in Bodø, Norway, 21-25 September 2026. Meeting details may be found [here](#).

Award amounts are up to \$2000 per student.

To be eligible applicants must be current members of the AFS-FHS and must be students at the time of application.

Applicants must submit the following information in their application packet:

1. Letter of application and statement of any special financial circumstances (i.e., not supported by a stipend, etc.)
2. Curriculum vitae
3. **Two** letters of recommendation
4. Itemized budget on how money is to be spent (i.e., travel, meals, lodging, registration)
5. Copy of abstract of paper to be presented

Applications will be judged on:

1. Quality of abstract
2. Significance of the research
3. Academic achievement
4. Professional achievement
5. Financial need

Completed application packets need to be emailed to the Awards Committee Chair (Danielle Van Vliet, dvan@utah.gov) by **March 6th, 2026**.

Award winners will be notified no later than April 3rd, 2026.

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S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award Nomination Announcement

The Awards Committee would like to solicit nominations for the S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award (SDSA). The SDSA is the highest award presented by the Fish Health Section. This award is presented for the purpose of honoring individuals for outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health. This is a career award and while it may be given to more than one individual in a year, it is not necessarily awarded every year.

Because this is a career award, candidates should have a significant number of active years in science within the finfish or shellfish health field as well as significant accomplishments which are not limited to but may include a significant number of publications, a significant number of secured grants for grad student thesis projects, administration of a successful lab, a major discovery in the field of finfish or shellfish health, and/or previous recognition by other professional societies or committees. More information about the award and previous recipients can be found [here](#).

If you wish to nominate an individual for the SDSA please send nomination packages (see requirements below) to the Awards Committee Chair (Danielle Van Vliet, dvan@utah.gov) by **April 3rd, 2026**. Awards recipient(s) will be honored at the 10th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health (ISAAH-10) in Bodø, Norway, 21-25 September 2026.

Individuals must be nominated by a current FHS member and packages must include:

1. Six letters of recommendation from fish health professionals that support the nominee's dedication to research, teaching and/or service to the field of aquatic animal health.
2. The nominee's curriculum vitae.
3. A general letter of recommendation by the primary nominator who must be a current FHS member.

Additional guidance can be found on page 21 of the [FHS Procedures Manual](#). Feel free to contact members of the Awards Committee with questions.

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Special Achievement Award Nomination Announcement

The Awards Committee would like to solicit nominations for the Special Achievement Award. The award is presented to a Fish Health Section member or group that has made a significant accomplishment or advancement in the field of fish health. The award is for a one-time accomplishment and may be given for: (1) a unique contribution to the fish health field (such as a new diagnostic tool, a new technique to control disease, etc.), (2) a significant research accomplishment, or (3) outstanding leadership in resolving a major aquatic animal health problem. Please click [here](#) to view past recipients of this award.

If you wish to nominate an individual for the Special Achievement Award, please send nomination packages (see requirements below) to the Awards Committee Chair (Danielle Van Vliet, dvan@utah.gov) by **April 3rd, 2026**. Awards recipient(s) will be honored at the 10th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health (ISAAH-10) in Bodø, Norway, 21-25 September 2026.

Individuals must be nominated by a current FHS member and packages must include:

1. The accomplishment.
2. The significance of the accomplishment to the field of fish health.
3. Implication of the accomplishment to aquaculture (local, regional, national, or worldwide).

Copies of any articles or supporting documents related to the work should be included in the nomination package. Nominations for the Special Achievement Award should be made within one year of the accomplishment. Additional guidance can be found on page 23 of the [FHS Procedures Manual](#).

Feel free to contact members of the Awards Committee with questions.

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Request for abstracts for special symposium at ISAAH 2026

Heather Walsh, from USGS EESC, is gauging interest in a special symposium on the use of DELTs (deformities, erosion, lesions, and tumors) and HAI (health assessment index) in fish health assessments. This can be for both wild and aquaculture reared species. Please reach out to her if you are interested. hwalsh@usgs.gov.

Call for Expert Participants

I am a Master's student, studying *International Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law* at the University of Edinburgh. I am seeking expert participants for the following study by April 1st:

Study Title

"Best Global Practices in the Regulation of Antibiotic Use on Fish Across Industries and Countries"

Scope of the Study

Industries: Aquaculture, public aquaria, exotic fish breeding, hatcheries, and scientific laboratories /

Countries: Australia, Canada, China, Chile, Norway, and Scotland

Study Aims

- To review how antibiotic use on fish is regulated across different industries
- To compare regulatory approaches across the six selected countries
- To identify best practices aligned with industry objectives and One Welfare principles
- To assess how national characteristics influence regulatory effectiveness
- To synthesise findings into a format that supports decision-makers and policy-makers

Participant Request

I am seeking fish health, welfare, and/or antimicrobial-use experts for one-hour semi-structured interviews conducted via Zoom. Participants may have expertise in any of the listed industries or countries.

Interviews will be audio-recorded for transcription, and all data will be anonymised in reporting. A copy of the interview guide is available upon request.

If you are interested in contributing to this research or can recommend suitable experts, I would be incredibly grateful to hear from you. Please contact me on: Lene@fishlex.net



MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & COURSES

49th Annual Eastern Fish Health Workshop Chattanooga Marriott Downtown Chattanooga, Tennessee March 23 to 27, 2026

Please join us for the upcoming Eastern Fish Health Workshop!

Register On The EFHW Website! Conference registration, abstract submission, and hotel reservations can all be completed through the EFHW website at www.efhw.org/upcoming-conference. You can also see regular updates on our Facebook page (search for Eastern Fish Health Workshop).

Deadlines Have Been Extended:

Abstracts Due By: March 6, 2026 at 11:59 EST

Early Registration Due By: March 6, 2026 at 11:59 EST (to avoid the late fee)

Hotel Reservation Block Closes: March 6, 2026 at 11:59 EST

PowerPoint Presentations Due By: March 18, 2026 at 11:59 EST

We are happy to announce that the 49th Annual Eastern Fish Health Workshop will be held at the **Chattanooga Marriott Downtown in Chattanooga, Tennessee**. The meeting will begin with a welcome reception on Monday, March 23, followed by an evening of interesting, bewildering, and bemusing case reports. There will be three full-day sessions on March 24-26, followed by a full-day, optional continuing education course on Friday, March 27. Special events include the Thursday night banquet and dance—the perfect opportunity to celebrate another year of fellowship with friends and colleagues. We will also hold a catered dinner event at the beautiful **Tennessee Aquarium** on Tuesday night.

We will continue to use the general email address (TheEFHW@gmail.com) to correspond with folks; however, if you need to reach any one of us, please feel free to contact us directly (individual email addresses listed below).

Abstracts (due March 6, 2026): To guarantee a place on the program, submit your abstract using our submission form at www.efhw.org/upcoming-conference. Full instructions and formatting guidelines are included on the website. If you are presenting a diagnostic case, please submit your title for the Monday night special session, “The Aquatic Detective.”

Best Student Paper Presentation: The Eastern Fish Health Workshop will present \$250 and a plaque for the Best Student Presentation. Eligible individuals must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate research program (including DVM students) and present his/her own research. The award will be presented at our Banquet and the recipient must be present. To be considered for this award, fill out the Abstract Submission form on the EFHW website.

Registration

The \$550 early registration fee (U.S. dollars) includes electronic workshop proceedings, a reception on Monday evening with heavy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments at breaks, breakfasts and luncheons on each of the three full days of the workshop (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), a catered dinner at the Tennessee Aquarium on Tuesday night, and a banquet dinner on Thursday night. Any registrations submitted after March 6, 2026 will be charged a late registration fee of \$50 (U.S. dollars) for a total late registration cost of \$600.

Attendee Refund Policy:

In order to receive a refund, please email us at theefhw@gmail.com by the following deadlines:

Now through March 6, 2026 =100% refund minus credit card fees

March 7-14, 2026 = 50% refund minus credit card fees

After March 14, 2026 = 0% refund

Continuing Education Opportunities

On Friday, March 27, 2026, please join us for an exciting continuing education opportunity. This year's topic will be "**Laws, Regulations and Regulatory Concerns in Aquatic Animal Health**". The cost for CE is **\$100** (U.S. dollars). Final RACE CE credits will be determined once the program is finalized.

Additionally, for veterinary professionals, portions of the general session (Monday-Thursday) will be accepted for non-RACE CE credits by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP)-Fish Practice, and certificates can be provided on request. Additional details will follow when the program is finalized.

Lodging

Please follow the link at <https://www.efhw.org/registration> to reserve your hotel room at the special conference rate of \$159 + tax per night. To secure reservations before the room block closes, please make your reservation by **March 6, 2026**.

Travel

The closest major airport to the hotel is the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport (14 miles, 18 minutes away). Rental cars are available at the airport. Uber and Lyft are available as well.

Optional, On-Your-Own, Pre- and Post- Meeting, Things To Do:

If you are new to Chattanooga or need suggestions for side trips, please let us know. There are many fun options for museums, historical sites, dining, and exploring. Learn more on our website at www.efhw.org/registration.

Let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

Use the following email address for any specific questions: TheEFHW@gmail.com.

Thank you,
The EFHW Steering Committee

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Save the Date!

Western Fish Disease Workshop

Tacoma, WA

June 2 - 4, 2026

Continuing Education: Fish Parasitology



International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health

American Fisheries Society
Fish Health Section

Bodø, Norway
21-25 September, 2026

10th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health (ISA AH)

The Science and Practice of Fish Health and Welfare—From Physiology to the Farm

September 21-25, 2026—Radisson Blu Hotel—Bodø, Norway

Website: <https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/isaah/>

Registration: <https://www.xcdsystem.com/afs/attendee/index.cfm?ID=amGUk78>

Join us for the 10th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health (ISA AH), the premier global forum for advancing the science and practice of aquatic animal health. The symposium brings together experts from academia, government, and industry to share new discoveries, innovative technologies, and practical solutions that promote the health and sustainability of aquatic animal populations.

The program will feature plenary sessions, symposia, technical presentations, workshops, and networking events designed to foster collaboration and inspire new approaches to fish health and welfare. For more information, please see attached .pdf.

JOBS/GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

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 added to our email listserv.



REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Welcome

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Conference Highlights

- **Scientific Program:** Cutting-edge sessions on aquatic animal welfare, disease management, nutrition, therapeutics, and biosecurity.
- **Keynote Speakers:** International experts offering insight into emerging issues and future directions.
- **Special Session and Workshops:** Thematic sessions on welfare assessment, environmental stressors, and sustainable production.
- **Poster and Student Sessions:** Opportunities for early-career scientists to showcase their work and connect with mentors.
- **Exhibition Space:** Industry partners showcasing products, services, and innovations in aquatic animal health.
- **Tours and Continuing Education:** Sharpen your skills and learn about the Norwegian aquaculture industry

- **Networking Events:** Welcome reception, poster socials, and the conference banquet.

Registration Information

Online registration opens 15 December 2025—click [here](#) to register!

Early registration is encouraged—discounts apply through **[early-bird deadline]**.

Registration Category	Early	Regular
	(by 23 June 2026)	(after 23 June 2026)
Full Registration	4,000 NOK (US\$400)	4,500 NOK (US\$450)
Student Registration	3,000 NOK (US\$300)	3,000 NOK (US\$300)
One-Day Registration	2,000 NOK (US\$200)	2,250 NOK (US\$225)
Accompanying Guest (social events only)	3,500 NOK (US\$350)	3,500 NOK (US\$350)

Full and student registration includes:

Access to all sessions, exhibit hall, conference materials, coffee breaks, meals, receptions, and the conference banquet.

Guest registration includes:

Access to meals, receptions, and the conference banquet only.

Tickets for the **conference banquet only** may be purchased separately during registration.

Hotel and Travel Information

The conference will be held at the **Radisson Blue Hotel**, located in the heart of Bodø, Norway, within walking distance of restaurants, attractions, and transportation.

Bodø is a vibrant cultural hub in the Arctic, a gateway to the north and all that it has to offer. Deeply connected to its **marine environs** and a **European Capital of Culture**, Bodø is at the crossroads of nature and metropolitan life. Whether it's fishing, hiking, Arctic

cuisine, indigenous culture, midnight sun or the northern lights, there is something to inspire everyone in Bodø.

Bodø is also home to the [Salmon Center](#), an interactive display center where you can learn about the Norwegian aquaculture industry and its importance to the local community.

Conference Rate: 1,290/1,490 NOK (US\$129-149) per night (single/double occupancy), includes breakfast

Booking Deadline: 23 June 2026 but attendees are encouraged to make their reservations early, as September is a busy month for tourism and business in Bodø! If necessary, reservations can be cancelled up to 7 days prior to arrival, so be sure to reserve your accommodations now!

To reserve your room:

- Make your reservation at the discounted rate directly using the Radisson Hotels ISAAH-10 [registration page](#).
- Or call +47 7551 9000 and mention “International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health (ISAAH)” to receive the discounted rate.

Getting There:

- **Nearest Airport:** Bodo Airport (BOO)—1.7 km/1 mile from venue <https://www.avinor.no/en/airport/bodo/>
 - **Public Transportation:** <https://www.avinor.no/en/airport/bodo/info/public-transportation/>
 - **Taxi Service:** <https://www.avinor.no/en/airport/bodo/info/Taxi/>
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Important Dates

- **Special Session/Continuing Education/Workshops Proposal Submission Deadline:** 9 February 2026
 - **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 12 May 2026
 - **Early Registration Deadline:** 23 June 2026
 - **Hotel Reservation Deadline:** 23 June 2026
 - **Conference Dates:** 21-25 September, 2026
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Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities

Gain visibility and connect with aquatic health professionals by becoming a conference sponsor or exhibitor.

Details are available in the **Sponsorship Prospectus** available at <https://units.fisheries.org/fhs/isaah/>

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