

Fish Health Section



FHS NEWS – March 2026

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

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Fish Health Section on LinkedIn: Please join us 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.

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!

S.F. Snieszko Distinguished Service Award Nomination Announcement



FISH HEALTH SECTION

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.

Awards Committee

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Eileen Henderson, Member

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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](#).

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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.

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS & COURSES

65th Western Fish Disease Workshop And Continuing Education Tacoma, Washington June 2-4, 2026

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the USGS Western Fisheries Research Center, and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission invite you to attend a full day AFS Fish Health Section Continuing Education session on Aquatic Parasitology on June 2, 2026, followed by the 65th Western

Fish Disease Workshop on June 3-4, 2026. Both will be held at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma, Washington.

The costs will be as follows:

CE: \$145 in-person, TBD for virtual attendees

Early Registration and Abstract Deadline (until May 1st): \$370

Late Registration (after May 1st): \$420

More details and a link to register and submit abstracts will be forthcoming.

Hotel Accommodations: A block of rooms is being held at the Hotel Murano (<https://www.hotelmuranotacoma.com/>) at the government rate of \$136/night. Please call the reservations department at 253-238-8000 (please identify yourself as part of The Western Fish Disease Workshop) or make reservation requests online ([Western Fish Disease Workshop 2026 Booking Link](#)). Any requests for special room arrangements must be made at the time of this call or online booking.

The deadline for making reservations at the meeting rate is 6 PM, Sunday, May 10th, 2026.

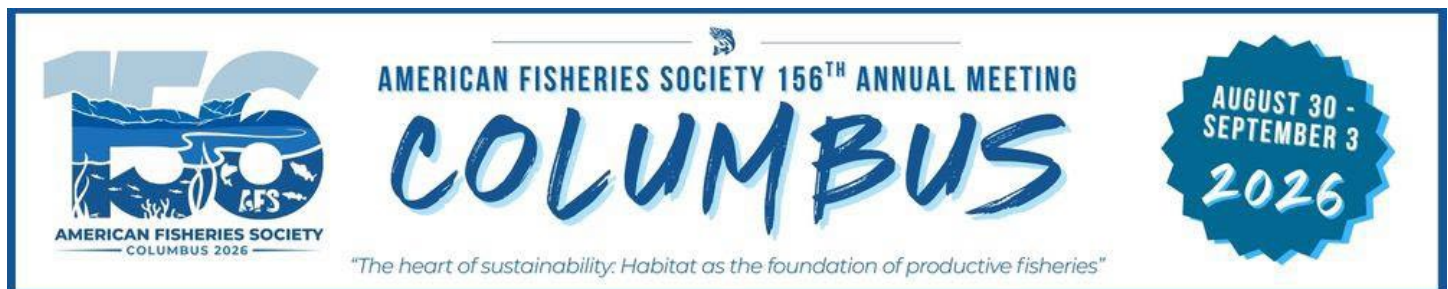
Contact Information:

If you have any questions please contact one of the following:

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CALLING ALL FISH CULTURE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS!

The **Fish Culture Section** and **Fish Health Section** invite you to join us at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society for a special symposium:

Connecting Fish Culture, Health, and Habitat for Improved Fisheries Enhancement Outcomes

Fish health strongly influences the success of fisheries enhancement programs and the performance of cultured fish after release. Hatcheries represent unique habitats where physical, chemical, and biological conditions—including temperature, photoperiod, water chemistry, flow regimes, and pathogen pressure—shape fish condition, stress, and disease dynamics.

This symposium will examine how hatchery environments and culture practices influence fish health and fisheries enhancement outcomes. Using habitat as a common framework,

the session will explore how ponds, raceways, and other production systems function as complex environments where water quality, facility design, microbiology, and day-to-day operations affect fish performance.

We invite presentations from fish culturists, fish health professionals, habitat scientists, engineers, and fisheries managers addressing hatchery environments, fish health, facility design, biosecurity, and connections between hatchery systems and surrounding ecosystems.

Abstracts are due April 22. Visit <https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/call-for-abstracts/> for more information and to submit your abstract.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING WITH YOU IN COLUMBUS!



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.

The Organizing Committee invites researchers, practitioners, and students to submit abstracts for the **10th International Symposium on Aquatic Animal Health (ISAAH-10)**, which will be held **September 21–25, 2026 in Bodo, Norway**.

ISAAH is the premier international forum for advancing the science and practice of aquatic animal health. The meeting brings together experts from academia, government, and industry to share new discoveries, emerging technologies, and practical solutions that support the health and sustainability of aquatic animal populations.

Symposium Theme

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

Abstracts are welcome on all aspects of aquatic animal health including pathogen biology, diagnostics, host–pathogen interactions, vaccines and therapeutics, aquaculture production medicine, emerging diseases, welfare, biosecurity, and novel technologies such as AI and machine learning for fish health management.

Abstract Deadline: May 12, 2026

Abstracts must be submitted electronically via the [ISAAH abstract submission portal](#)

Format: ≤300 words, submitted in English

Presentation Types: Oral or Poster

For program inquiries, contact **Esteban Soto Martinez** (sotomartinez@ucdavis.edu) or **Matt Griffin** (matt.griffin@msstate.edu) with the subject line “ISAAH-10 Program”.

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

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

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

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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