

Future Directions

- Enhance undergraduate travel assistance to annual AFS meetings
- Improve mentorship opportunities between young professionals and students
- Expand the use of social media for communication
- Develop a “How To ...” series for important aspects of fisheries education
- Increase “Student Angle” contributions
- Plan student events at annual AFS meetings



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Student Subsection of the Education Section





Overview

- The Student Subsection of the Education Section (Subsection) is an association of students and young professionals within the American Fisheries Society (AFS).
- Members work closely with the Education Section to improve fisheries education and foster communication and information exchange among fisheries educators, employers, students, and the public.

Mission

- The Subsection serves to facilitate interactions between fisheries professionals and students by providing member services consistent with the goals and mission of the AFS.
- The mission of the AFS is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals.

Objectives

- Promote an organized forum for discussion of issues and ideas among students and fisheries professionals
- Improve communication among fisheries students and promote AFS activities at the student level
- Increase representation of student membership in the AFS

Structure

- All AFS students are Subsection members.
- Non-students can become members for a \$5 fee that supports the Subsection and Education Section missions.
- 3 Officers (President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer), 5 Division Representatives (Canadian, North Central, Northeastern, Southern, Western), and 1 Past-President serve one year in their respective roles.

Activities

- Annual Business Meeting and Student Colloquium
- Representation on AFS Governing Board
- “Student Angle” column in *Fisheries*
- Undergraduate Travel Assistance Award
- Communication with Student Subunits in U.S. and Canada



Why Get Involved?

- Contribute meaningfully to the AFS
- Improve student education and representation
- Establish and expand your professional network
- Gain leadership experience
- Acquire skills for employment and professional achievement
- Promote fisheries conservation
- Access AFS travel grants and scholarships
- Have fun!

“I gained understanding in no uncertain terms that people who dedicate their lives to the sciences and management of natural resources are givers, not takers.”

Donald Jackson
AFS Past-President
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