# WHAT IS AFS?

The American Fisheries Society was founded in 1870, and is the oldest and largest professional society representing fisheries scientists. The AFS promotes scientific research and enlightened management of aquatic resources for optimum use and enjoyment by the public. It also encourages comprehensive education of fisheries scientists and continuing on-the-job training.



Netting with the IDNR for Fisheries Techniques class

The AFS is composed of student subunits, state chapters, and regional divisions, connecting all aspects of fisheries, from marine stock assessment to hatchery management, to academic research.

### AFS AT ISU

The Iowa State University Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society was founded in 2005. Since that time we have won the "Most Active Student Subunit Award" twice. We look forward to earning this great honor again this year.



Constructing fish habitat with the IDNR at Lost Grove Lake

#### WHAT DO WE DO?

The ISU Student Subunit meets on campus once a month to view presentations by local fisheries professionals and organize both social and scientific activities. Past activities include annual kids' fishing clinics, stream fish monitoring, and fish habitat construction. Members work closely with the lowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and attend both state and regional meetings and conferences.

#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Opportunities to gain field experience with IDNR professionals and ISU graduate students
- Advance notice of fisheries and aquaticrelated job announcements
- Transportation and greatly reduced hotel costs for fisheries conferences
- Résumé builders such as first-aid training and Fish Iowa! certification
- Meet potential employers, graduate advisors, and future colleagues

You have the chance to get involved with a very successful and well-known fisheries organization!

#### OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE IOWA STATE SUBUNIT

We offer a range of opportunities for you to be involved as much or as little as you like.

- Serving as an officer
- Joining or leading a committee to organize social and educational activities
- Designing and implementing educational projects for various groups, such as fellow members, elementary students, or kids in the community
- Analyzing and presenting data from local streams collected by the subunit
- Getting your name at the top of the list for volunteering with the DNR
- Fundraising
- Designing the Iowa Chapter AFS shirt
- Organizing symposia and advertising for professional meetings
- Planning events for VEISHEA
- Just come to the meetings for the free food and presentations!



Stream electrofishing on ISU campus for our annual Squaw Creek assessment

# TO LEARN MORE...

Please contact us with any questions! We also have a bulletin board on the first floor of Science II, or visit our website at: http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/isu-afs/

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Night electrofishing for walleyes with the IDNR on Mississippi River

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