

# Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

## *Resource Action Fund Grant Request*

The ExCom will review funding requests for the MCAFS Resource Action Fund. For more details please see the MCAFS web page at [www.fisheries.org/AFSmontana](http://www.fisheries.org/AFSmontana), or contact an ExCom member.

Deadlines for applications:

**January 15**, for voting during the annual meeting (note: **requests for more than \$2000 must be** presented to the membership at the annual meeting) and

**June 15**, for decisions at the EXCOM summer meeting.

### I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

- a. **Applicant Name:** Montana State University Student Subunit of AFS (Kris Homel- President)

**Mailing Address:** USGS-NRMSC, 229 AJM Johnson Hall, Montana State University

**City or Town:** Bozeman **State:** MT **Zip:** 59717

**Telephone:** 435.640.7026

- b. **Contact person if different than above:** Same

**Address if different than applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone if different than applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

### II. PROJECT INFORMATION (attach additional pages as needed)

- a. **Project Title:** First Annual Western Division Student Colloquium (at MSU)

**Purpose of Project (goals and objectives):** The Montana State University student subunit of AFS will be hosting the first annual WDAFS student colloquium. The goal of the colloquium is to provide an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to develop or practice presentation skills, network with other students, and learn about aquatic research being conducted within WDAFS.

- b. **Brief Project Description (What will this RAF Funding be used for? Personnel? Supplies? Etc, be specific)**  
The student-only colloquium is a combination of professional presentations and field activities designed to foster communications among fisheries and aquatics students throughout WDAFS. All meeting attendees (both undergraduates and graduates) will be encouraged to present research.

RAF funds will be used for 1) building rental for the presentations, 2) the Yellowstone National Park field trip, and 3) food provided during the presentations. For more information, please see attached flier).

- c. **Project Starting Date:** October 23, 2008
- d. **Project Completion Date:** October 25, 2008

### III. PROJECT BUDGET

- a. **RAF Grant Request (dollars):** \$1000

**Does this project make any commitment of MCAFS funds beyond the current funding request?** No

**Have you received previous RAF grants for this project?** No

**If so, when and what is the total funding received to date from MAFS?**

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- b. **Contribution from Other Sources:** A funding request has been submitted to WDAFS, other funds will come from the MSU student subunit account and from the modest registration fee we are charging

- c. **Total Project Cost:** Approximately \$4500

**Have Other Funding Sources Been Secured?:** The MSU student subunit is prepared to spend a portion of our funds to make this a successful and enjoyable event. We do not have enough funds to pay for the entire event (and we are anticipating 50-100 attendees).

- d. **Names and Amounts of Other Funding Sources:** Up to \$1000 from the MSU student subunit

- e. **Is MCAFS the Only Source of Funding for this Project?** An application has been submitted to WDAFS

**Why or Why not?:** As this is a professional activity for all students in the WDAFS, it seemed appropriate to request funding from both the MCAFS and WDAFS. In future years, the student subunit that hosts the colloquium will seek funding from their state chapter and from the WDAFS until this event is established enough to preclude the necessity of outside funds.

### IV. PROJECT BENEFITS (attach additional pages as needed)

- a. **Benefits to Native Species**

Indirect benefits to native species are attained through discourse on contemporary fisheries research topics by future fisheries professionals.

**b. Short Term and or Long Term Benefits to the Fisheries Resource:**

Benefits to the fisheries resource include: professional development of future fisheries biologists, networking among future professionals, exposure to public presentation for students who may have limited experience, and dissemination of fisheries research occurring throughout WDAFS.

**How does this project relate to ongoing and previous work in the area?**

**c. Does this Project Have the Support of an Appropriate MCAFS Committee? Not yet**

**If so, which Committee?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Has this project been coordinated with appropriate local agencies?** This is a student-only meeting, so coordination is not needed

**If so who are your contacts?** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2008 Student Colloquium

The Montana State University student subunit of the American Fisheries Society is pleased to announce the first annual Western Division AFS Student Colloquium to be held in Bozeman, MT from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. The student colloquium will feature presentations from undergraduates and graduates in fisheries biology or aquatic ecology, in an all-student environment.

In addition to a full day of presentations, several activities have been planned to facilitate networking among students.

**Thursday, 23 October:** Evening welcome social

**Friday, 24 October:** All-day field trip to Yellowstone National Park including hiking, site seeing, and a soak in the Boiling River! Additionally, a limited number of students will have the opportunity to go out on Yellowstone Lake with the lake trout gillnetting crews. We will provide transportation to and from Yellowstone National Park, a bag lunch, and entrance into the park.

**Saturday, 25 October:** Oral presentations on the campus of Montana State University. Lunch and refreshments will be provided between sessions.

**Saturday Evening:** Closing social at Norris Hot Springs! Enjoy live blue grass played pool-side as you soak in the hot springs! We will cover your admission to the hot springs, and food and beverages are available for purchase at Norris Hot Springs.

**Cost:** The colloquium cost is \$35 per student

**Presentations:** If you are interested in presenting your research (and we encourage everyone to present!), please submit a 200 word abstract by October 1 to Kris Homel:

[krishomel@hotmail.com](mailto:krishomel@hotmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you in Bozeman!

Sincerely,

The Montana State University student subunit of AFS