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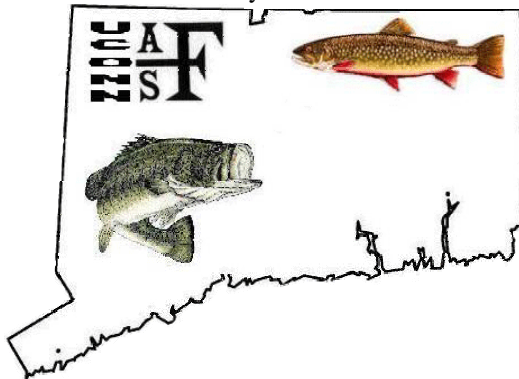
Welcome Back!

On behalf of the NRME Department, I would like to welcome everyone back after the holiday break. I hope you got some well deserved rest and were able to spend quality time with your friends and loved ones! Sincerely, Kersey

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UCONN American Fisheries Society

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Student organizations are an important part of the career for undergraduate and graduate students. For this reason, fisheries students and faculty are proud to announce the new UCONN Student Sub-Unit of the American Fisheries Society (AFS). UCONN AFS is a direct sub-unit of the Southern New England Chapter of AFS. The American Fisheries Society is the largest professional society representing people who work with the management and ecology of aquatic organisms and their habitats.

UCONN has a large number of student clubs and organizations on campus. Many of these organizations are linked to national and international societies focused on careers. As a member of a nationally-recognized organization, students have the

inside track for traveling to conferences and symposiums, meeting students from other areas, and meeting professional individuals who work in places that we would like to one day work. The UCONN student chapter of The Wildlife Society is an example of this kind of nationally-linked organization, and in fact, AFS and The Wildlife Society have much in common and we hope to share many social and community-involvement activities in the future.

The executive committee has been meeting for over a month, getting everything ready to kick off what we hope will be one of the most active student organizations on campus. Recognized by the University as an official organization, we are now planning for our future and taking necessary steps in order to hold our first official meeting on February 1st, 2006. The president of our student chapter will also hold a seat on the board of directors of the Southern New England Chapter of AFS, which encompasses Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The board of directors plans the summer and winter meetings at which students and professionals present results from research projects and management programs.

Just a few things presently in planning are a trip to the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Burlington, Vermont in April, a trip to the 136th Annual Meeting of AFS in Lake Placid, New York in September, and a local bass fishing tournament fund raiser in late spring. We (the Executive Committee) are also planning at least one other trip between now and next fall, and are working on some community involvement projects as well.

We encourage all students to check us out. Hopefully we will have a table at the student involvement fair in January, 2006 as well as post flyers with our specific meeting dates, times and locations early next semester. Between now and then, you can check us out on the web at www.geocities.com/uconnafs, compliments of Jill Christoferson.

