



Hoosier Fish Tales

Mission Statement: The IAAI (Indiana Aquaculture Association, Incorporated) enables aquaculture producers by promoting, marketing, educating, and nurturing aquaculture and aquaculture research in Indiana.



John Metz of Northern Indiana Aquaproducts.
Photo by Cecil Baird

The Elkhart County Local Business Summer Gala was held on July 8, 2012 and was well attended. The theme was a promotion of locally raised livestock and farm produced commodities. Much thanks to the Department of Agriculture Livestock Promotion Grant that provided funding, and to John Metz of Northern Aquaculture in Goshen for organizing the event.

Many vendors were there including representatives of aquaculture businesses. Chefs provide samples of some amazing fish dishes. See page 5 for photos of the event.

Quick Quiz

Which of the the species below has a LOW level of Omega-3 fatty acids (Fish oil or N-3), which are promoted by health experts to be good for heart health?

- A) Salmon
- B) Cod
- C) Largemouth Bass

The answer is on page 7.

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President's Letter

Ladies and Gentlemen,

For those of you that are new on board, in the past IAAI typically had a large spring meeting complete with seminars, and a less formal fall meeting with some kind of on site tour of an aquaculture facility. This year we had a spring business meeting in Indianapolis, followed by a typical spring meeting complete with seminars in conjunction with the Ohio Aquaculture association in Cincinnati. I saw quite a few Indiana members present in Cincinnati (some even made presentations), and by all accounts it was enjoyed by many.

As many of you already know, our fall meeting on October 20th will have a tour of three facilities. (See the enclosed flyer on page 4 if you haven't seen it).

I don't know about you but I'm excited and you should be too! I'm not only looking forward to touring the facilities, but meeting old and new faces, and talking fish and shrimp. I can't stress how important it is for us to be part of a cohesive force in Indiana working toward a common goal of advancing aquaculture in the state. One of the ways you can do that is to be a member, attend IAAI meetings, see what others are doing that works, and network with others. We're all in this together and if we work together we can achieve our common goal of making Indiana a state to be reckoned with when it comes to aquaculture.

As soon as fall meeting concludes work will begin on a spring convention complete with lots of seminars, and possibly a tour of a facility on top of that. We plan to have suppliers there too. I've proposed it to take place in Northern Indiana, probably Goshen or Shipshewana.

I can't remember the last time we've had anything in the northern part of the state, and I think it's time. It's important we serve all parts of Indiana and attract members and prospective entrepreneurs from all over the state. As I've repeated ad nauseam to those that would listen, Indiana is blessed with aquaculture potential and

Northern Indiana is even double blessed. In most areas up here there's plentiful ground water (even some artesian free flowing), the right soils for sealing outdoor ponds, and indoor facilities that could be converted to aquaculture facilities. There are spacious buildings up here formally used in the RV industry just waiting for occupants. Additionally the Amish community up here could be tailor made for aquaculture with a strong business work ethic, large properties, and a life that revolves around farming. If anything they could be contract growers as they are doing this now with other forms of livestock. I've had inquires on

starting an aquaculture business from lots of folks up in this part of the state.

To provide more value to IAAI members we've started a list serve similar to Ohio Aquaculture list serve. We hope this will be

utilized to its fullest advantage. On Ohio Aquaculture's listserve I've seen fish stocks listed and sold within minutes! I've also seen quick replies to folks looking for fish stock. It's also a great way to keep up with what's going on in the industry or a place to get answers to questions.

On another note things are proceeding behind the scenes on our future facility at the Fair Oaks farm. More information will be available soon.

Look forward to seeing you all at the fall meeting.

Sincerely,
Cecil D. Baird

Cecil Baird - IAAI President



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Tom Springstun Purdue Extension Coordinator Retiring

By Rob Wibbeler

Please join in wishing Tom much health and happiness in his upcoming retirement. Tom has faithfully served agriculture for over 35 years and together with Gonzalee Martin has been Indiana aquaculture's connection with the Purdue Extension services. Tom worked tirelessly to help many, many people in a variety of capacities and will be missed. In his aquaculture capacity Tom served as a conduit of information to those in the counties south of I-70 and became the go-to resource for farmers, schools and other coordinators. A call for candidates is being conducted to fill this key position.



NCR- SARE Farmer Rancher Grant Program: 2013 Call for Proposals - Farmer Rancher Sustainable Agriculture Grants

For farmers and ranchers who want to carry out Sustainable Agriculture research, demonstration, and education projects on their farms. The proposals are due November 29, 2012.

A total of approximately \$400,000 is available for this program. Individual grants (max \$7,500), partner grants (max \$15,000) and group grants (max \$22,500) are available. Grant recipients have 25 months to complete their projects.

Details can be found at

<http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Our-Grant-Programs/Farmer-Rancher-Grant-Program>

Call for Candidates

by Rob Wibbeler

To govern the affairs of the new 501c3, the following positions are in the process of being established.

Board of Directors (BOD) The policy making and governing body of the organization.

Trustees (advisory group to BOD) Solicits, evaluates, prioritizes and recommends major initiatives, uses of funding and excess revenues to the BOD.

Representatives (advisory group to BOD/BOT)

Purpose is to develop, organize, prioritize and promote the work projects of the 501c3. Made up of members of various stakeholder groups such as grade schools, high schools, community colleges, adult learners, universities, industry, farm operators, consumer groups.

If you, or anyone you know with an interest in this program or might like to serve on one of these boards, let me or any IAAI board member know.

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IAAI Fall Meeting



INDIANA AQUACULTURE ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012
9 AM till 2 PM

The IAAI Fall 2012 meeting will consist of a tour of 3 facilities plus lunch. The facilities are:



Tippco Fish
10867 US HWY 231 S
Romney, IN 47981
765-237-7022



Purdue Aquaculture Lab
5675 W 600 N
West Lafayette, IN 47906
765-583-0351



RDM Farms
153 N 850 E
Fowler, IN 47944
765-583-0052

Agenda:

9:00 - 10:00 = Tour of Tippco Fish
10:45 - 11:45 = Tour of Purdue Aqua Lab
*11:45 - 12:30 = Lunch at Purdue Aqua Lab
1:00 - 2:00 = Tour of RDM Farms

* Lunch activities include a Q&A with Dr. Jennifer Strasser from BOAH, Randy Lang from INDNR, and John Nagle from the Dept of Agriculture

Deadline: October 13th

Lunch can be paid on October 20th, but we need an idea of how many people to expect by October 13th

Cost: \$10.00

Includes a catered box lunch consisting of Panera Bread sandwiches
Soft drinks provided by the IAAI
Make check out to IAAI.
Let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

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Scenes from the Elkhart County Local Business Gala



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Answer to the Quick Quiz:

Cod has the lowest level of Omega-3 fatty acids.

http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/fisheries/fish_oil

IAAI Represented at National FFA Convention October 24-26, 2012, Indianapolis Convention Center

IAAI will be renting a 10' x 10' booth at the National FFA Convention thanks to funding by the Soybean Alliance. With 2,400 booths, this is perhaps the best opportunity IAAI has in the near future to make connections and see what we can do for FFA. The IAAI is looking for members to help man the booth. Contact Rob Wibbeler if you're interested or need more details.