



North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society

Dear Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin,

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The North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society, Esocid Technical Committee (ETC) is a committee comprised of fisheries professionals representing 12 states and 4 provinces. The mission of ETC is to: 1. Encourage and coordinate research leading to the development of functional management strategies toward the wise use of Esocid stocks, 2. Advance the knowledge of Esocid ecology, 3. Improve culture techniques of Esocids, and 4. Provide a forum in which pertinent data and technologies can be exchanged within the scientific community and among user groups.

Often the advancement of knowledge of Esocid species comes from undergraduate and graduate students conducting intensive research projects focused on Esocid species. As students near graduation, many will prepare scientific presentations to present at regional and national American Fisheries Society conferences. Often the limiting factor for students to present their research on Esocid related topics at these meetings are travel costs. The ETC has established a student travel award that will support up to three students' travel- (max \$250/student) to a national or regional meeting to present their research on an Esocid related topic.

The ETC is asking the Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin Inc. or individual member clubs for a monetary donation to support the student travel award. This contribution will help improve the scientific knowledge, understanding, and information sharing of Esocid related research across the Midwestern states and provinces. As a student sponsor, your organization will be listed as a support partner for the travel program on the ETC website.

Thank you for considering a donation. If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to current ETC chair Jordan Weeks at Jordan.Weeks@Wisconsin. More information regarding the ETC can be found here: <https://ncd.fisheries.org/esocid/>

Donations can be sent to "AFS NCD ETC" c/o Drew Holloway, 5150 Kilgore Ave, Muncie, IN 47304

Thank you!

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