**INTERNATIONAL (see criteria below) TRAVEL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR PROFESSIONALS**

**AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

**AND**

**WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY MEETING**

**PORTLAND, OREGON**

**AUGUST 16 – 20, 2015**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2015**

The Western Division of AFS and the International Section of AFS are proud to announce opportunities for funding to offset **PROFESSIONAL** travel for AFS members **NOT RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES** to the joint 2015 American Fisheries Society and Western Division Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon. The following are the criteria for the distribution of these funds.

1. Preference will be given to those presenting an oral (symposia or contributed session) or poster presentation at the Portland meeting.
2. Applicant must demonstrate that his or her employer will not allow or pay for attendance otherwise.
3. Applicant must be a member in good standing with the **Society. You will be required to enter your AFS membership number.**
4. Applicants must be a member of **Western Division AFS** and reside outside the United States. **Criteria for qualifications** includethe Provinces of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory in Canada; Mexico; U.S. associated entities in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, and individuals residing in other Society Divisions who elect to be members of the Western Division.
5. These funds apply only to non-student, retired, or professional (employed by state, provincial, federal or private entity) Society members.
6. Individual awards will be a maximum of $1,500 each and can include meeting registration, round-trip airline fare, parking fees, hotel costs and transportation to/from the airport.
7. Preference will be given to applicants who can provide some match to offset total cost.
8. Successful applicants will be required to volunteer for 4 hours during the AFS2015 Meeting in Portland. You will be contacted by the AFS2015 Volunteer Committee and assigned a mutually agreed-upon task to perform at the meeting.
9. Successful applicants will be required to submit receipts after the AFS2015 Meeting for reimbursement.

To apply for professional-level travel assistance, please complete the application at: [https://docs.google.com/a/wyo.gov/forms/d/1qtJfFt56YnHM6UzkndBI\_ddRJ2\_KTlsq99nV\_S54-Qg/edit?usp=drive\_web#](https://docs.google.com/a/wyo.gov/forms/d/1qtJfFt56YnHM6UzkndBI_ddRJ2_KTlsq99nV_S54-Qg/edit?usp=drive_web)

You can also visit the Western Division AFS website for the link to the travel grant application. <http://wdafs.org/>

Applications must be submitted by **April 1, 2015** to be considered for funding. Evaluation of the applications will be completed by a committee formed of personnel from the AFS International Fisheries Section and the Executive Committee of Western Division AFS. Successful applicants will be notified by **April 15, 2015**.

If you have questions regarding this application and funding opportunities please contact Hilda Sexauer at Hilda.sexauer@wyo.gov