

Angler Survey Committee (ASC) Bylaws

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1. Name and Objectives

- a. The name of this organization shall be the **Angler Survey Committee (ASC)** of the American Fisheries Society Fisheries Management Section (FMS) and Fisheries Administration Section (FAS), hereafter referred to as the ASC, Society, FMS, and FAS, respectively. Creel surveys and angler surveys define many types of surveys with a large breadth of management or research goals, we shall hereafter refer to all types of surveys aimed at characterizing recreational fishers as angler surveys.
- b. The ASC is housed as a joint committee within FAS and FMS and supports the goals of these sections in improving the technique, effectiveness, and efficiency of fisheries resource management. Specifically, the objectives of the ASC shall be to foster a network of fishery professionals with interest or expertise in angler surveys while working to improve the efficacy of management strategies for agencies working with finite budgets.

2. Membership

- a. Committee membership is open to any Society member in good standing. To join the ASC, members must complete [this short form](#) to join the distribution list. Current ASC members can be found using the [ASC Directory](#).

3. Duties

- a. Connect fisheries professionals aligned with angler surveys across boundaries and improve communication among this group.
- b. Improve and innovate tools related to angler surveys with the goal of increasing efficiency for management agencies working with limited budgets.
- c. Develop best practices for angler surveys and publish these such that they may be easily integrated wherever angler surveys feed into fisheries management.

4. Subcommittees

- a. Angler Survey Committee members have diverse interests and needs; thus, to better serve each member, we have divided the ASC into four sections for specific topics related to angler surveys:

- i. **Survey Design and Estimation Subcommittee** focuses on improving the design of surveys to gather angler data and subsequent estimations from these data.
 - ii. **Data Management Subcommittee** focuses on the practices and tools for the management of angler survey data.
 - iii. **Human Dimensions Subcommittee** focuses on research topics revolving around human dimensions and social science research in fisheries.
 - iv. **Emerging Technology Subcommittee** focuses on utilizing emerging technology (e.g., electronic self-reporting, remote detections) to deliver angler estimates.
- b. Each Subcommittee will be co-chaired by two members of the ASC with expertise pertaining to the duties of each Subcommittee. Subcommittee chairs will hold their roles for a term of two years, on an offset cycle. Subcommittee chairs have the purview to select successional leadership. Roles of each Subcommittee chair include:
 - i. Fielding inquiries from the larger committee pertaining to each Subcommittee and providing insight and feedback related to such inquiries.
 - ii. Over the course of the two-year term, each chair will be responsible for either conducting a presentation or identifying a colleague to present during a full quarterly committee webinar.
 - iii. Report activities, findings, and recommendations at annual Angler Survey Committee Business Meeting.
 - iv. Identify a member to succeed in the role of chair at the end of the term. If the current leadership wants the opportunity to remain engaged with the Subcommittee, consecutive terms will be allowed.

5. Committee Chair

- a. The ASC will be chaired (or co-chaired) by member(s) for a term of two years with the responsibility of:
 - i. Maintaining communication with the network at the minimum on a quarterly basis to keep members informed on ASC activities.
 - ii. Coordinating quarterly webinars by identifying presentations on topics of interest and leading the webinar through each presentation.

- iii. Coordinating the activities of the Subcommittees and serving as liaison between Subcommittees and FAS/FMS.
- iv. Reporting activities, findings, and recommendations at annual FAS/FMS Business Meeting and quarterly Executive Committee Meetings.
- v. Identifying member(s) to succeed in the role of chair (or co-chair) at the end of the term.

6. Meetings

- a. On a quarterly basis, virtual webinars will be held to connect the network and update the community on ASC proceedings. In addition, presentations will be held during these webinars on topics of interest.
- b. The ASC shall hold a business meeting annually in conjunction with the Society annual meeting to update members on the progress toward ASC goals, while gathering feedback on potential paths forward.
- c. Subcommittees are encouraged to interact with ASC members on a regular basis, and this may include standing meetings.