

Meeting Announcement

for the

National Aquaculture Drug Research Forum

**Friday, 1 August 2008; 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Bozeman Fish Technology Center; Bozeman, Montana**

The NADRF was established in 2004/2005 by a group of researchers conducting studies in support of aquaculture drug approvals. A mission statement was drafted for the forum: ***to advance scientific knowledge and coordinate research activities to expedite the approval of new animal drugs.***

The goal of the forum is to develop a strategic plan relative to drug approval research activities. The plan's components include: (1) providing a forum for the exchange of information and mutual education between CVM review teams and representatives from academia, the pharmaceutical industry, the aquaculture industry, and other government agencies, (2) establishing a repository of useful information and documents, and (3) to create a mechanism to broadly disseminate information relative to drug approval research activities.

Over the last several years, forum members have worked through several issues that have challenged researchers working in this field. Examples of Forum products, or Forum-influenced products that have been generated include: (1) proposal of a water temperature classification strategy for fish reared in the public domain (to support approvals for cool or warmwater finfish), (2) a document that concisely describe procedures to follow to demonstrate transfer of analytical methods, (3) a survey to solicit information from fish culturists and fish health biologist relative to freshwater ectoparasites (results will be used to help researchers better focus on ectoparasites of concern), (4) documentation on how to deal with secondary pathogens during field effectiveness studies, and (5) documentation on how to address the issue fish found to be missing at the end of field effectiveness studies.

If you are interested in participating with on of the Forums work-groups to resolve such issues, please join us on August 1, 2008 from 9:00 to 11:30 am at the Bozeman Fish Technology Center. If you have questions about this session, please contact Jim Bowker at 406-994-9910 or jim_bowker@fws.gov.

For more detailed information on location and juxtaposition of the meeting to the Aquaculture Drug Approval Coordination Workshop, [click here](#) or visit the Workshop webpage at:

<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/aadap/inadworkshop08.htm>