

CFS Contributes to Successful International, Tribal Project that Releases Burbot for the First Time in British Columbia and Idaho



Burbot (*Lota lota maculosa*) are freshwater cod native to the Kootenai River in Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia. Burbot are culturally significant to the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho. Drastic population declines have occurred over the last half-century, primarily due to habitat alteration and loss, now this population is considered functionally extinct within Idaho borders.

A collaborative international effort headed by the Kootenai Tribe, working with the British Columbia Ministry of Environment, the

University of Idaho's Aquaculture Research Institute, Cramer Fish Sciences, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and other groups, has legitimately established conservation aquaculture as an option for restoring native fish populations and future fisheries. Since 2006, this group has also published more than a dozen reports and peer reviewed papers on various aspects of burbot reproductive biology, aquaculture, pathology, and management. This body of literature has contributed substantially to this developing field and toward the ultimate goal of re-establishing a burbot population in the Kootenai River. [Read full report...](#)

Cavallo New President at CFS

Cramer Fish Sciences is pleased to announce that the CFS Executive Council, a team of CFS senior scientists, selected Brad Cavallo as President at their annual corporate meeting on January 13, 2010.

Cavallo will lead CFS from its Auburn, California office and will continue to lead his own staff and fisheries consulting projects. Mr. Cavallo succeeds Steve Cramer, the company founder and President for the past 22 years.

Mr. Cramer will serve as Chairman of the Board for CFS, and will devote more time and greater focus as a consulting scientist to CFS clients.

Other News:

Cramer Fish Sciences maintains a growing library of reports downloadable for free in PDF format on our web site's [Reports section](#). Some examples:

- [Population dynamics and extinction risk of burbot in the Kootenai River, Idaho, USA and British Columbia, Canada](#) by Paragamian, Vaughn L; Pyper, Brian J.; Daigneault, Michael J.; Beamesderfer, Raymond C.P.; and Ireland, Susan C.
- [Kootenai River / Kootenay Lake Burbot Conservation Strategy](#) by Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and Cramer Fish Sciences
- [Status and Dynamics of a Burbot Population on the Edge](#) by Brian J. Pyper, Michael J. Daigneault, and Raymond C. P. Beamesderfer