THE Gilbert Ichthyological Society (GIS) held its 19th annual meeting 28–30 September 2007 at the University of Washington Pack Forest Conference Center in Eatonville, Washington. The GIS is named for celebrated ichthyologist Charles Henry Gilbert (1859–1928), who either by himself or as coauthor (most often with David Starr Jordan) was responsible for the discovery and naming of approximately 117 new genera and about 620 new species of fishes, including about 25% of the fish fauna of Washington and Oregon. It was resurrected in 1989 from the Gilbert Fisheries Society, a short-lived organization founded in 1931 at the then Department of Fisheries, University of Washington (see Copeia 1931:71). The primary purpose of the GIS is to foster communication in the Pacific Northwest concerning all things ichthyological.

The 2007 meeting was attended by over 42 people from Washington, Oregon, and California. Stewart Reid began his term as President of the society, and Ted Pietsch was elected for the year 2008. President Reid appointed Douglas DeHart as Vice President. Seven new fellows were added to the society (G. Fleischer, D. Geiger, G. Helfman, M. Paquin, P. Schwenke, I. Spies, and C. Thacker) bringing the total membership to 242. Papers were presented by B. Lauth, P. Woods, D. Markle, I. Spies, P. Schwenke, J. Orr, R. Arnold, S. Ried, R. Lea, W. Palsson, C. Kenaley, C. Murphy, M. Moser, E. Miller, B. Frable, A. Fleischer, D. Stevenson, J. Drake, M. Brittan, and M. Jennings. Mary Moser gave a tribute presentation in memory of deceased fellow Steve Berkeley. Keynote speaker Christine Thacker presented an overview of her work on gobies. Presentation titles are available online at the GIS website, hosted by the University of Washington Fish Collection, at http://www.uwfishcollection.org/GIS/home.html.

Next year’s 20th annual meeting of the GIS will be held somewhere in the vicinity of Ashland, Oregon on dates yet to be determined. For more information about the society, visit the GIS website or contact Morgan Busby, GIS Secretary, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, Washington 98115 <E-mail: morgan.busby@noaa.gov>.

MUSICK RECOGNIZED

D R. Jack Musick, Marshall Acuff Professor of Marine Science at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary, was honored as a recipient of the 2008 Lifetime Achievement in Science award by Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine and Science Museum of Virginia Director Richard Conti. Jack is a long-time member of ASIH and an internationally known expert in the ecology and conservation of sharks and sea turtles. His shark research has brought global attention to significant declines in shark populations due to overfishing, and led to the first U.S. management plan for sharks in 1993. Musick’s sea turtle research, which pioneered the use of satellite tracking to establish migration patterns and wintering areas, shows that the Chesapeake Bay is one of the most important nursery areas for Loggerhead and Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtles. He also established a fish collection that now features the world’s largest collection of Chesapeake Bay and mid-Atlantic fishes, with 128,000 specimens in 247 families. Musick has advised 89 graduate students during his 40-year academic career, likely a record for marine science graduate education in the U.S.