June 22, 1961

Minutes of 1961 Western Division of American Fisheries Society Meeting.

8:00 p.m., June 11, 1961, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Chairman Hauck announced a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Dick Croker, who seemed possessed of inside information, suggested calling a certain room in hopes of getting missing members to the scene. This was done.

Mr. Hauck then welcomed the members and guests and called upon Dick Croker, 1st Vice-President of the parent society. Mr. Croker explained Woody Senn's absence upon incorrectly quoted dates in the newsletter. He passed on Woody's plea for material for the newsletter, and said they were considering appointing a correspondent from each region. The American Fisheries Society will meet with International in Memphis, Tennessee, in September. One matter for discussion will be whether to continue to meet with the International or to change.

George Eicher was then called upon to make a stirring speech to gain enthusiasm for membership and explain what is being done on the national level. George stated that the society has reached a point where the profession needs a renaissance and a push. The most necessary ingredient for this is a paid, full-time executive secretary, but money is needed to permit this. We should get out and get more members to have more money.

Eicher went on to say that the National has a new vigorous, enthusiastic administration coming on and that it now offers more to the membership. The new quarterly permits getting publications out more quickly and on time. There is always the quarterly newsletter. Also certificates suitable for framing are being made up that will show that the member is a professional fishery
scientist. There will be certificates for various categories, including one for fish culturist. These will be issued free.

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Acceptance of the report was moved by Pete Green, seconded by Bill Alvord, and passed unanimously.

Tom Barnaby reported for the Auditing Committee. It was reported to be an exhausting and difficult task to determine that $3.25 in bank charges were paid from June 30, 1960 to March 23, 1961, and that there was $72.73 in the bank. The report is attached. Barnaby moved adoption, seconded by Lew Gerlick and unanimously passed.

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this for those in attendance.

Chairman Hauck announced that certain changes in the by-laws of the Division were desirable and action should be taken on them. If approved here, they will go to Memphis for action by the parent Society.

1. (Changes to 1) western states and eliminates reference to Alaska and Hawaii.)

   Passage move by Dick Navarro, seconded by Pete Greene, passed unanimously.

2. Section 8, paragraph a. Add "treasurer" at end of sentence to make the office Secretary-Treasurer.

   Passage moved by Ray Hess, seconded by L. Gerlick, passed unanimously.

3. Section 11, paragraph b. Amend to require the appointment of the Resolutions Committee six months ahead of the meeting by adding a sentence at the end.

   Moved by Millenbach, seconded by Meigs, passed unanimously.

Hauck said that no members of the Resolutions Committee were at this meeting, but Don Andriano and others who were asked to serve had worked ably and well, and he appreciated their efforts. Our resolutions have always been good, and two of the last four were adopted by the parent Society, after being guided through by Alex Calhoun. One was on high dam research and the other on pesticide control. They helped get current programs on these matters get going.

Don Andriano presented six resolutions for the Committee:

1. Refers to highway construction program. During discussion it was agreed to change the third whereas to use the new number for the Public Law 732 as it was amended, and to substitute "Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act" for "Coordination Act."

   Seconded by Millenbach, passed unanimously.

2. Refers to Senate Bill to provide for Fish and Wildlife Service to research game fish genetics.

   It was agreed that Western Division of American Fisheries Society be changed to American Fisheries Society in the resolved paragraph.

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There was considerable discussion pro and con on this resolution, and the bill it refers to was read and discussed.

Fred Thompson moved to amend the resolution to state that we approve the principle of the bill rather than unqualified support of the bill as it now appears. Seconded by Croker, and passed unanimously.

The amended resolution, seconded by Thompson, was passed unanimously.

3. Refers to efforts to facilitate establishment of an Executive Director.
   Seconded by George Riecher, passed unanimously.

4. Refers to fishing on public lands.
   There was much discussion on this resolution and its wording.
   A motion to amend by softening the second whereas and specify EHM was made by Croker, seconded by Greene, and not passed.
   Barnaby moved to amend by eliminating the second whereas. Seconded by Adams, passed.
   Resolution as amended, seconded by Barnaby, and passed unanimously.

5. Commends parent Society.
   Seconded by Jim Simpson, passed unanimously.

6. Thanks hosts.
   Seconded by Millenbach, passed unanimously.

The resolutions are made a part of these proceedings.

Fred Thompson commended Ray Barker on the technical program and the group concerned. Ray extended his thanks and appreciation to those who helped him.

Hannuck said that work has been done on last year's Resolution 4 which called for a survey of the technical and professional Societies and their effects on each other. A report was prepared and mimeographed by the Committee appointed and copies were available for those present. The report indicates little conflict and presents a good analysis of the situation. It is made a part of these proceedings.
Eicher asked if a method could be found to inform members who are not affiliated with governmental agencies of the time and place of the meetings farther in advance, to facilitate making reservations. Hauck explained we are limited by expense to one mailing. Gerlick suggested use of the newsletter.

It was moved by Cliff Millenbach, seconded by Alex Calhoun that the Secretary make proper distribution of the resolutions. Passed unanimously.

At this point Alex Calhoun taking note of the harassed conditions of the minutes taken called for a vote of non-confidence on the acting-Secretary. A record of the vote was unaccountably lost in the ensuing confusion.

C. J. Campbell presented the report of the Nominating Committee:

Chairman - Cliff Millenbach
Vice-Chairman - Don Andriano
Secretary-Treasurer - Fred Locke

Croker moved that the nominations be closed and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the nominations of the committee. Seconded by Eicher, passed unanimously.

Tim Vaughn and Bill Arnold then escorted the new chairman to the rostrum. Hauck presented him with the enviable gavel and his congratulations.

Chairman Cliff Millenbach said he appreciated the opportunity to serve the group in this capacity, and would try to continue the rate of increase of the Society.

He stated we now have an encouraging and fine climate for fishing at the national level and this can well be our keynote for the year. He will do his best to forward the aims and wishes of the Society.

Millenbach then commended Hauck for his fine job and asked for and received a standing ovation from the membership for Forrest.

The meeting was adjourned about 10:00 p.m.
The American Fisheries Society serves a certain aim of distinction that is widely recognized. It is widespread in coverage, yet provides opportunity for regional concentration to the extent locally desired. The national meetings are aimed to national problems and give attention to interests of the fisheryworker in principal areas. Others can be developed at the will of the organization. Its membership, although principally consisting of professional workers, does permit and include nonprofessional workers in the field, whether interested in commercial or sport fisheries. It also includes scientists as well as research workers, students and amateurs.

We see this broad coverage may seem a disadvantage, but there has been no evidence that the Society has ever been dominated by nonprofessional workers, and it does not prevent affiliation with other organizations of local interest or greater specialization.

The influence and importance of a good widespread, national organization is debatable, but such an organization does not provide the personal touch to the young worker in a specialized field that a local, small organization provides. Actually both contacts and organizations are needed.

There are as many fisheries workers on the Pacific Coast, and they have such a wide range of interests that they represent so many different levels of management that any risk of duplication of effort in co-operation in more than offset by the opportunities available for the discussion of all kinds of problems.
Obviously, there is a limit to the number of associations with which a person can maintain devotion and affiliation, but it seems that those of recent origin are desired for the present time. One of these is the American Fisheries Society because of its national importance and recognition. The strength of the Institute Nationale is apparent in local membership. In view of other veteran organizations perhaps it would not be encouraged to such greater activity than previously experienced.

Regional organizations such as Pacific Fishery Biologists and the North Pacific Fishery Biologists Association is desirable to provide an arena for fishery biologists to discuss without inhibitors any problems that are of regional importance at the time. This type of meeting our organization does not compete with the American Fisheries Society.

The Western Association of Fishery Research Biologists does not conflict with either of the above types of societies. Its purpose is to advance the theory, practice and application of the fishery science and to maintain high professional standards in so doing. The development of fisheries which might best locally in discussion groups of frequent interests is likely to maintain active intermingling of these professional men and prevent stagnation because of distance from economic centers, or prevent barriers that often are created because of competing interests between their employer. The American Association of Ichthyologists and Ichtyologists who has been recently organized has many similar objectives. Because of its success, it is difficult to oppose the future.

Other organizations such as the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography are not in direct competition with the other fishery organizations because they stress specialization in particular facets of the fishery field that are not of interest to everyone. These are also other organizations of similar nature such as those pertaining to fields of aquatic entomology and hydrology. The Wildlife Society and the Canadian Society of Wildlife and Fishery Biologists are principally administered in favor of bird and mammal wildlife interests. Fishery workers are a small minority.

June 12, 1961
Roy A. Hamilton
Peter A. Larkin
L. Edward Perry

Committee
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FISH & GAME BIOLOGISTS

Membership: Approximately 50 (Organized spring 1961)

Qualifications: Bachelor (BA or BS) in natural science with min-
imum of three years of full-time experience and one-year ap-
plied in teaching or practice of fish or game biology.

Type: Active, sustaining, honorary, sustaining, and student.

Geographic Area: North America.

Purpose:
(a). To promote and maintain highest possible pro-
fessional standards, ethics, skill and competence in the teaching and practice of scientific fish
and game research and management.

(b). To promote the conservation and proper utili-
zation of fish and wildlife resources.

(c). To seek and justify public confidence and
support in the profession.

(d). To protect and enhance the material interests
of its members.

(e). To participate in such activities as may be
on the profession and the interests of its members,
and through which the above objectives may be im-
plemented.

Fees: Not yet fixed, probably $15 for active members

Publications: None.

Meetings: Organizational meetings held in California in spring
1961.

NAME: AMERICAN FISHING SOCIETY

Membership: Approximately 2,200.

Qualifications: Anyone interested in fish, fishing, and fisheries.

Type: Active, life, sustaining, honorary, officer,
Geographic Area: North America. Western Division includes all states west of the Appalachian Mountains and all of Canada west of the 100th Meridian. Membership: Approximately 250. Qualifications: Membership is open to all individuals interested in fishery research. Membership includes the right to vote, attend meetings, and receive the society's publications. Publications: The Society's official publication is the *American Journal of Fishery Research*. It is published quarterly and contains articles on a wide range of topics related to fishery research. Meetings: Annual meetings are held in September, and regional meetings are held throughout the year. Dues: $25 per year for active members. For other membership categories, please refer to the society's membership guidelines. Geographic Area: North America.
Purpose: (a) To advance the theory, practice and application of the science of fisheries research biology, and thereby to promote the conservation and proper utilization of fisheries resources.

(b) To maintain high professional standards in fisheries research biology, by recognition of achievement and by adherence to a code to be known as "Principles of Professional Conduct for Fisheries Biologists."

(c) To do everything necessary, suitable and proper for the accomplishment of any of the foregoing purposes; provided it be consistent with the provisions expressed herein and with the laws under which this Institute is incorporated.

Dues: $5 a year.

Publications: None.

Meetings: Biennial national group. Local district organizations may meet at will.

Name: AMERICAN SOCIETY OF Ichthyologists AND Herpetologists.

Membership: Approximately 700.

Qualifications: Anyone interested in ichthyology and herpetology.

Type: Members.

Geographic Area: North America.

Purpose: To promote the study of cold-blooded vertebrates.

Dues: $5 a year, students $5.

Publications: Quarterly journal, Copeia.

Meetings: Annual, national and Western Division.

Name: CANADIAN SOCIETY OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERY BIOLOGISTS.

Membership: Approximately 200.

Qualifications: Persons who are or have been professionally
engaged in practicing or teaching wildlife or fishery research or management who have graduated from an accredited college or university with credits relating to the biological sciences.

Type: Members and student members.

Geographic Area: Canada.

Purpose: (a) To establish and maintain the highest possible professional standards in wildlife and fishery research and management.

(b) To develop all phases of wildlife and fishery management along sound lines in relation to proper land use in accordance with the best interests of the community.

Dues: Members $5.00, students, $1.00.

Publications: Canadian Fish and Wildlife Newsletter.

Meetings: At least once every two years.

Name: GREAT PLAINS FISHERY WORKERS ASSOCIATION.

Membership: Approximately 150.

Qualifications: Fishery workers who are actively engaged in fishery work and have completed at least one year's service in an organization.

Type: Members.


Purpose: The informal discussion and exchange of ideas between fishery field personnel on fishery problems.

Dues: $1 a year.

Publications: None.

Meetings: Annual in February or March.
Name: PACIFIC FORUM BIOLOGICALS.

Membership: Approximately 650.

Qualifications: Graduates of universities of recognized standing with a degree in biological sciences who are professionally engaged in fisheries biological research and have completed one year's cumulative service in research following graduation.

Type: Members and members-at-large.

Geographic Area: Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Hawaii. Members-at-large are those who have moved out of this area, but retain membership.

Purpose: The informal discussion and exchange of ideas on fisheries problems. The organization is not affiliated with any existing society.

Dues: $1 per year.

Name: WILDLIFE SOCIETY.

Membership: Approximately 3,000.

Qualifications: All persons interested in wildlife management who have the endorsement of one or more members.

Type: Members, life members, honorary members.

Geographic Area: United States and Canada; Regions 4, 5, and 6 include western states.

Purpose:
(a). The establishment and maintenance of the highest possible professional standards.

(b). The development of all phases of wildlife management along sound biological lines.

(c). The dissemination of publications to effect these ends.

Dues: $5 a year.


Meetings: Annual.
WHEREAS, the construction of modern highways is in some instances detrimental to fish in that they block fish runs and cause material damage to stream alignment and spawning beds, and

WHEREAS, public access to fish areas is not always adequately provided for in highway construction plans, and

WHEREAS, Public Law 401, better known as the "Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act" has been determined as not applicable to highway construction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress be requested to take the necessary action to extend the provisions of the Coordination Act to include federally financed public road construction.
RESOLUTION — 2

GENETICS AND SELECTIVE BREEDING OF SPORT FISHES

WHEREAS, the substantial contribution to agriculture of research in genetics and selective breeding of domesticated animals and cultivated plants is well known, and

WHEREAS, the practical advantages of developing strains of sport fishes having specialised physical or physiological characteristics advantageous to particular fishery management uses has been demonstrated by the exploratory research of several states, and

WHEREAS, the feasibility and desirability of establishing and maintaining genetically consistent strains of sport fishes to serve as test animals is shown by genetic standardisation of a few aquarium species and by the utility of laboratory strains in mammal research programs, and

WHEREAS, needed research on the genetics and selective breeding of nationally important sport fishes requires a magnitude and continuity of effort that can appropriately and best be provided by the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, a Bill has been introduced in the Senate of the United States, "to authorise and direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct studies of the genetics of sport fishes and to carry out selective breeding of such fishes to develop strains with inherent attributes valuable in programs of research, fish hatchery production, and management of recreational fishery resources"

(S.1542); now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Congress of the United States, and the Department of the Interior, shall be advised that the American Fisheries Society here assembled does endorse and support the principle of S 1542.
WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society has depended entirely upon
elected officials and volunteer aid to carry on its official business;
WHEREAS, in some cases this has been a burden on the officials; and
WHEREAS, the Society is growing to the point that full-time executive
attention to the daily business of the Society is needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Western Division
of the American Fisheries Society that the American Fisheries Society
make every effort to facilitate the establishment of the position of
Executive Director, American Fisheries Society, which will be a paid,
full-time executive to handle the day-to-day business of the Society.
June 14, 1961

RESOLUTION — 4

WHEREAS, the great wealth of fishing privileges of the Western States is located on public lands, and

WHEREAS, the present Administration recognized the great need for public fishing, as indicated by the directive of the President to his Cabinet;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society does hereby express its appreciation for the adoption of such a policy, and extends assurance of the utmost cooperation to the Government agencies concerned.
WHEREAS, the officers and the executive committee of the American Fisheries Society made it a policy to invite more active participation of the Division officers and members in the affairs of the American Fisheries Society, and

WHEREAS, through this action interest has been strengthened and renewed at the divisional level, and

WHEREAS, the attendance of the officers of the parent Society at the divisional meetings has added a personal touch and stimulated interest in the parent body,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society commends the Society for its actions and policies, and urges their continuance.
WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and Commission, have provided exceptional hospitality in the Land of Enchantment and the City Different, to all delegates and guests of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, and

WHEREAS, convention facilities tendered by the various business, organizations, and agencies were outstanding in services and cooperative in action;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society does hereby express its sincere appreciation to all of its New Mexico hosts for the very informative and successful conference.