the Secretary of the Interior and the President of
the American Fisheries Society informing them of
the membership’s feeling, and the other directed
the appointment of a committee to compile a documented
summary of the effects of rotenone compounds on
the fishes of Atlantic environments.
Secretary Udall was written by Past President W.
Harry Evenhart on May 14 and on August 15 a reply
from Mr. Udall indicated that as the result of this
letter and other comments, there would be a modification
of Sec. 1546. The committee to compile a
summary of the effects of rotenone has been ap-
pointed and, hopefully, it should have a useful re-
port prepared in time for the next division meeting.

A matter of increasing concern to many fishery
biologists in the northeast is the competition for use
of estuarine and headwater environments between
fish and game interests. Specifically, should head-
waters be impounded to create additional waterfowl
and fur bearer habitat to the possible detriment of
downstream trout habitat, and should tidal estuaries
be left undeveloped to produce crops of finfish, shell-
fish, and crustaceans or be diked to provide bottom
muflah habitat for game? A seminar is scheduled on
these subjects at the next annual meeting in the
thought that a thorough discussion between the vari-
cous interests and the conservation engineers might
help shape wise decisions in the future, and possibly
suggest acceptable compromises.

Judging from the volume of correspondence, variety and quality of suggestions made for the im-
provement and modernization of the Society, the in-
terest younger men are showing in the work of the
organization, the slow but steady broadening of the
base of support of the Society, particularly among
the marine workers and the fish culturists, and the
professionalism apparent in technical discussions and
publications, the Northeastern Division is in a state
of good health and vitality.

The 1964 meeting will be hosted by the Connecticut
Board of Fisheries and Game at the Statler Hilton
The 1965 elected officers are Lyle M. Thorpe, Pres-
ident; Rex Buss, Vice President; Richard L. Hames,
Secretary-Treasurer; and Robert A. Jones, Program
Chairman.

The Report of the North-Central Division
was presented by James T. Shields, President.

The North-Central Division held its 7th annual
meeting at Des Moines, Iowa on December 4, 1962,
in conjunction with the 24th Midwest Fish and Wild-
life Conference. Technical meetings lasted two days,
with concurrent sessions on game and fisheries.
A total of 450 persons attended the sessions.
President Gerald F. Cooper conducted the busi-
ness meeting which was attended by 46 members in
good standing. Officers of the parent society present
included President Schneberger, Vice President
Elber, Secretary-Treasurer Seaman, and Past Presi-
dent Galander. Special reports were heard from
President Schneberger on plans to establish the posi-
tion of Executive Secretary, and from E. A. Seaman
on membership status. Lengthy discussion was held
on the subject of increasing membership and estab-
lishing local chapters.

Three resolutions were passed. 1. Requesting the
Executive Committee of the parent society to pro-
pose amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws
providing for the election of officers by mail ballots.
2. Commending the Sport Fishery Research Founda-
tion for initiating its graduate fellowship program.
3. Extending appreciation to the Iowa Conserva-
tion Commission and other agencies and people respon-
dible for the excellent conference arrangements.

In addition to the resolutions, a motion was passed
instructing the officers to express the appreciation of
the North-Central Division to Congressman Michael
J. Kirwan of Ohio for his efforts to establish the
National Fisheries Center and Aquarium.

A report from Vice President Shields covered the
preparation and distribution of the division’s annual
Newsletter. This 12-page mimeographed report was
sent to all members and featured changes in job
status of members, new facilities, meeting dates, new
fish tools and methods, special research and man-
agement projects, job opportunities, fisheries reports
available and miscellaneous items of interest. A
local reporter from each member state and province
supplied material for the Newsletter.

New officers elected were James T. Shields, Presi-
dent; Walter Turktock, Vice President; and Keith
Seaburg, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Report of the Western Division was
presented by Wayne R. Seaman, President.

The Western Division held its 15th annual meeting
in Tucson, Arizona in conjunction with the Western
Association of Game and Fish Commissioners on
June 8-11, 1963. Excellent accommodations and con-
ference rooms were available at the Ramada Inn.
headquarters for the combined meetings. Over 150
fishery people were present to enjoy the technical
presentations and the hospitality provided by the
Arizona Game and Fish Department. All western
states were represented except Alaska and Hawaii.

The program committee under the chairmanship
of Howard Baseett selected an interesting and divers-
ified program for the Technical Sessions. These in-
cluded sessions on the coldwater fishery, the coastal
fisheries, the warmwater fishery, and a session on
fish culture. A special panel session was held on the
controversial Green River fish eradication project.
Assurance was given by panel members that the
project was a success, and that none of the indige-
nous species were annihilated in the Green River
downsteam from Flaming Gorge Dam. All sessions
were well attended by the fisheries personnel.

We were fortunate to have President Schneberger
of the parent body in attendance at our business
meeting. He discussed plans which the Society has
long envisioned, and now hopes to soon put into
reality. These included hiring an Executive Secre-
tary, mail ballots for the election of officers, new
procedures for nominating committee members, re-
vision of the North American Fish Pelley, and the
possibility of group life insurance for Society mem-
bers.

Vice President Elber reported on the activities of
the local chapter committee. Utah, Idaho, Oregon,
and California now have local chapters.

The next meeting of the Western Division is sched-
uled for June 22-24, 1964 in Billings, Montana. Mr.
William Alward has accepted chairmanship of next
year’s program committee. New officers elected for
the Western Division for the coming year were
Wayne Seaman, President; Robert Meigs, Vice
President; and Fred Locke, Secretary-Treasurer.
President Schnberger then asked E. A. Seaman to present the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. President, members of the American Fisheries Society assembled, I am pleased to present to you my 5th annual report. Your society has been known to complain about the habits of members, as failing to report a change of address. A few weeks ago I moved to a new residence in Virginia. In my second mailed delivery my mailman asked me for yesterday’s papers due on a public holiday, not mentioning it by name. I obediently paid the charge, only to learn that I was paying for forwarding my copy of the Transactions. My face is red, and should be. I was so stunned by my negligence that I checked immediately to see if I had paid my dues.

PUBLICATIONS

The sale of publications was about $8,000 lower this past year than the previous year. This is because of the good coverage of the membership of each publication as the Names of Fishes in its first two years. We must have reached somewhat of a saturation point. There continues a steady sales, however, of issues of the Transactions, running about $4,000 per annum.

If you don’t own certain volumes of the Transactions, here are some items taken from back issues to stimulate your interest. It is too bad you didn’t belong to the Society in 1906, for the dues for Life Members were only $15 then. The present dues of $200 is a bargain even now. Who called for the first federal fish hatchery? Well, in our first publication in 1870 we noted where the members memorialized Congress in that year and founded the first hatchery. In the news recently was the story of the demolition of the Arlington Hotel in Washington, D.C. This hotel was in a tough part of downtown Washington of recent years, but back in 1908 it had a better name; it’s where the Society held the annual meeting in conjunction with the Fourth International Fisheries Congress. Read the story in the Transactions!

We have at this date 1,906 copies remaining of Publication No. 2, The Names of Fishes. The career guide, Fisheries as a Profession, was reprinted this year and it has had great demand. Older issues are now selling rapidly, with 20,000 copies are left at this date. Five issues of the Newsletter have been sent to the membership this year. Each month we continue to have at least six requests for the Professional Certificate.

OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Despite the fact that we have had difficulty in keeping a permanent stenographer on duty in the Washington office, it is well equipped to serve the membership and operates fairly efficiently. This year we purchased an addressing machine. The volume of mail handled at the office still increases. It will mean, as pointed out to the Executive Committee, that the Society should hire a second stenographer-clerk to handle the business properly to serve you.

Mr. President, I thank you most sincerely for being such an active leader this year. You and your Executive Committee have helped me more than I. This year must mean we have matured.

Mr. Seaman then moved the acceptance of the report. The motion was seconded by Marion Toole and carried.

Chairman I. B. Byrd then presented the Report of the Finance Committee.

The finances of the American Fisheries Society are solvent. The unappropriated surplus available on January 1, 1962 was $22,913.56 and the estimated expenditures for 1963 will be about equal to the year’s estimated receipts.

During 1962, an effort addressing machine and some additional filing cabinets were purchased for the office. In addition, a special issue of the Transactions were reprinted. This completes the basic needs for office equipment and provides an ample stock of all recent issues of the Transactions. The Finance Committee feels that the budget process that is now followed does not permit proper comparison of receipts and expenditures of previous years with the estimated receipts and needs for the budget year being planned. Therefore, this committee recommends to the Executive Committee during its meeting in March 1963 that a standard form for budgeting and budget control be adopted. This recommendation was accepted and the Finance Committee has prepared a proposed format for future budgets.

The Group Life Insurance Plan for the membership that was recommended by this committee and adopted by the Executive Committee this year should be of considerable aid in improving finances since the profits that the Society will receive from this plan can be used to help defray the cost of publications.

The business affairs of the Society are expanding at a very fast rate because of the larger membership and the increased demand for services. It is, therefore, recommended by this committee that the Society employ a full-time Executive Secretary as soon as proper financial arrangements can be made. As further evidence of the need for an additional employee, the certified public accountant who examined the financial records for 1962 noted that the Society had only one employee who was responsible for the receipt and deposit of all cash. He stated that this allowed for no internal control of receipts and that, in his opinion, the various tasks that are required to be performed by the Society could not be efficiently performed by one employee. He suggested that the responsibility of the cash receipts be assigned to two employees and that these receipts be deposited at least once each week.

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1962
TO DECEMBER 31, 1962

Cash Balance as of January 1, 1962 —— $1,760.38

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