

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 fauna of aquatic environments. The letter to Secretary Udall was written by Past President W. Harry Everhart 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. 164.6. The committee to compile a summary of the effects of rotenone has been appointed and, hopefully, it should have a useful report 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 headwaters be impounded to create additional waterfowl and furbearer habitat to the possible detriment of downstream trout habitat, and should tidal estuaries be left undeveloped to produce crops of finfish, shellfish, and crustacea or be diked to provide better marsh habitat for game? A seminar is scheduled on these subjects at the next annual meeting in the thought that a thorough discussion between the various 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 improvement and modernization of the Society, the interest 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 Hotel, Hartford, Connecticut on January 19-22, 1964. The 1963 elected officers are Lyle M. Thorpe, President; Keen 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 Wildlife Conference. Technical meetings lasted two days, with concurrent sessions on game and fisheries. A total of 450 persons attended the sessions.

President Gerald P. Cooper conducted the business meeting which was attended by 48 members in good standing. Officers of the parent society present included President Schneberger, Vice President Eicher, Secretary-Treasurer Seaman, and Past President Carlander. Special reports were heard from President Schneberger on plans to establish the position of Executive Secretary, and from E. A. Seaman on membership status. Lengthy discussion was held on the subject of increasing membership and establishing local chapters.

Three resolutions were passed. 1. Requesting the Executive Committee of the parent society to propose amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

providing for the election of officers by mail ballot. 2. Commending the Sport Fishery Research Foundation for initiating its graduate fellowship program. 3. Extending appreciation to the Iowa Conservation Commission and other agencies and people responsible 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 management 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, President; Paul Barnickol, 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 conference 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 Bassett selected an interesting and diversified program for the Technical Sessions. These included 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 indigenous species were annihilated in the Green River downstream 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 Secretary, mail ballots for the election of officers, new procedures for nominating committee members, revision of the North American Fish Policy, and the possibility of group life insurance for Society members.

Vice President Eicher 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 scheduled for June 22-24, 1964 in Billings, Montana. Mr. William Alvord 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 Schneberger 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 6th annual report. Your secretary has been known to complain about the bad habits of members, such as failing to report a change of address. A few weeks ago I moved to a new residence in Virginia. In my second mail delivery my mailman asked me for nine cents postage due on a publication, 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 \$3,000 lower this past year than the previous year. This is because of the good coverage of the membership of such publications as *The Names of Fishes* in its first two years. We must have reached somewhat of a saturation point. There continues a steady sale, however, of issues of the *Transactions*, running about \$4,000 per year.

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 1900, 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 note where the members memorialized Congress in that year asking for 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 1,398 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. Only 2,000 of the printing of 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 you. This 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, 1963 was \$22,913.56 and the estimated expenditures for 1963 will be about equal to the year's estimated receipts.

During 1963, an Elliot addressing machine and some additional filing cabinets were purchased for the office. In addition, some recent issues 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 recommended 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 just 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 in 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 ..... \$16,700.18

#### Receipts:

Membership Dues:	
a. Active .....	\$16,945.63
b. Student .....	1,675.40
c. Foreign .....	410.05
d. Military .....	85.00
e. Official .....	640.00
f. Library .....	1,295.00
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h. Life .....	350.00

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