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SUBJECT: Mid-Term Report for Western Division AFS

TO: AFS Executive Committee

FROM: Donald M. Martin, President
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The Western Division has been busy in a number of areas in the past six months. The Division's membership continues to grow due to active soliciting of new members at the Chapter level. The Division's budget is strong and being utilized to support Division activities.

The Division's 1987 joint meeting with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is currently being planned. President-Elect Al Mills is working closely with the Bonneville Chapter and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to put together what appears to be a very stimulating program. The theme for this year's meeting is "Meeting Increasing Public Demands on Fish and Wildlife with Declining Revenues." The meeting is scheduled for July 12-15, 1987 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Sheraton Hotel. Anyone wishing more information should contact Al at (801) 584-9101.

Also, on the two days immediately following the Division meeting (July 16-17) there will be a course on "Using Computer Spreadsheets in Fisheries." The session is being cosponsored by the Computer Users Section, the Fisheries Management Section, the Bonneville Chapter and the Western Division. The primary purpose is to help get the Society's continuing education (CE) program established, and therefore efforts are being made to make CE credits available for this session. The Division will hold its second annual ExCom retreat on July 12 to discuss the future directions of the Division. As a product of the 1986 Division Retreat, the Division officers have been attending as many chapter meetings as possible (See attached meeting schedule). The chapters have made noble

and hospitable efforts to help defray travel costs. Any extra money in the Division's budget has been refocused to assist with these travel costs. The Division officers have been well received at the meetings and the value of the interaction with the chapter members is high. The chapters are and should be the driving force behind the Society and their ability to have direct input to the Division officers greatly enhances communications.

Several chapters have indicated that it would be of value for the parent Society to send out a packet of information to the chapter presidents on such subjects as format and deadlines for articles in Fisheries, chapter meetings, activities, publications, etc. Also, the packet could include a form to be returned to the parent Society with the addresses, telephone numbers and effective dates of office for the new chapter officers. This is all necessary because some chapter officers pass on information to the next generation better than others.

There has also been a plea from the chapters in the Division for some kind of AFS membership card. This card should indicate the time period for which the members dues are paid and thus simplify the questions that arise over who is a member at chapter and division functions when the latest printout of AFS members is not available.

Also regarding membership, the recent article in Fisheries, Vol. 11, No. 6 by C. F. Cole *et al.* (1986) has sparked some discussion on the direction we may need to be taking on professionalism. The feeling is that we need to do something along the lines of what was proposed by Cole *et al.* We are a "professional" society and yet we are open for people to join without any professional credentials. There are chapters in the Division that have a number of members which are commercial and sport fishermen, conservationists, environmentalists, etc. There is a need for the Society to establish a policy on this subject soon.

As was mentioned at the last AFS ExCom meeting in September, several chapters in the Division will soon be or are presently in need of legal advice. The attached letter to Paul Brouha from the California-Nevada Chapter (w/o the referenced enclosures) is an example of what is to come. There is need for discussion in Miami on how the AFS ExCom plans to address the need for legal aid for the chapters and at what point the Society gets involved.

Through its Riparian Committee the Division has undertaken a regional

survey of local, state and federal agencies and institutions on the "what" and "who" of riparian investigations and restorations. The compilation of the results is scheduled to be available in July 1987. The Riparian and Public Lands Committees are working together to develop a long range strategy for where and how Division efforts maybe most effective in providing for productive fisheries on public lands. Also, on the subject of fisheries on public lands, the Division will soon be sending out a questionnaire to federal land management agencies in the West asking to see the results from planned monitoring activities presented in prior planning and NEPA documents.

The Division has had a booth at the International Sportmen's Exposition (30,000 in attendance) and the Northwest Fish Culture Conference (300 attendance). Many thanks to the North Pacific International Chapter, Marine Fisheries Section, Gary Thomas and the University of Washington Cooperative Fisheries Unit, Stan Smith, Dick Foust and special thanks to the efforts of Past President Tony Novotny for spreading the word about AFS. Tony is wondering what ever happened to the AFS Display Committee? The need for a quality and durable display is still present, and its value was discussed at length at the last AFS ExCom meeting. The Division has noticed some apathy among its marine members and is wondering if the Marine Fish Section would like to assist WDAFS in sponsoring a seminar or two at Fish Expo to help stimulate some interest in our marine brethern?

According to Deputy Director Brouha there is a need for purchasing a "third generation" micro-computer based on the new 80386 processing chip. Paul has approached the Division along with the Computer Users Section and the Fisheries Management Section to finance this project because we suggested it was a good idea to have an electronic bulletin board to enhance parent Society-subunit communications (See Attached Memo). Well, we still think it would be a good idea but the projected cost of approximately \$4700 seems a little extravagant.

The Division has participated in the technical review of the drafts of the Aquatic Section of Project Wild. The Aquatic Section is presently undergoing a field evaluation phase. The Western Division encourages the other divisions to assist Project Wild in implementation of the Aquatic Section when it becomes available late in 1987. The chapters are a perfect vehicle for members to get involved with local schools to help educate our constituents of tomorrow. Project Wild was major topic of discusssion at the midwinter executive committee meeting of the Western

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) of which the Western Division is a member (Martin and Mills attended). Project Wild was an idea originally developed and funded by WAFWA. Another major topic of discussion was the development of a fisheries economics data base jointly with the Western Division. A joint committee effort is underway. The Division presented WAFWA President Bill Geer with a check for \$290.62 as their portion of the proceeds from the trade show at the joint meeting in Portland in 1986 (the Portland Hilton took \$2700 for the room rental and WDAFS netted only \$72.66).

ITEMS NEEDING DISCUSSION:

- Sending out an information packet to new chapter presidents.
- Development of a membership card approach.
- Development of Society policy on how our "professional" organization is going to handle the participation of nonprofessionals.
- When does the Society get involved with legal support of the chapters.
- Should the subunits contribute financially to support the installment of an electronic bulletin board.

**WESTERN DIVISION
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

Meeting Schedule

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Alaska Martin attended.	Anchorage, AK	November 3-7, 1986
Arizona-New Mexico Mills attended.	Silver Springs, NM	January 28-31, 1987
Bonneville Conflict with AFS ExCom meeting in Miami, which Martin and Mills must attend.	Provo, UT	March 6-7, 1987
California-Neveda Martin attended.	Sacramento, CA	February 5-7, 1987
Colorado State University Student	Fort Collins, CO	Monthly
Colorado-Wyoming Mills can attend.	Laramie, WY	March 11-12, 1987
Hawaii	None Scheduled	-----
Humboldt Martin will attend.	Arcata, CA	April 11, 1987
Idaho Martin and Mills will attend.	Boise, ID	March 12-14, 1987
Montana Martin attended.	Great Falls, MT	December 8-10, 1986
New Mexico State University Student	Las Cruces, NM	One/Semester
North Pacific International MacHugh will attend.	Harrison Hot Springs, BC	March 10-11, 1987
Oregon Martin and MacHugh attended.	Rippling River, OR	January 28-30, 1987
Portland Martin or MacHugh will attend at least once.	Portland, OR	Monthly

Sacramento Martin or Mills will attend at least once.	Sacramento, CA	Monthly
University of Wyoming Student	Laramie, WY	Monthly
Midwinter ExCom of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Martin and Mills attended.	Tucson, AZ	January 6-7, 1987
Midterm AFS ExCom Martin and Mills will attend.	Miami, FL	March 7-8, 1987
AFS ExCom Martin and Mills will attend.	Winston-Salem, NC	September 11-17, 1987