1990 - 1991 President's Report
Dave Burns
Western Division American Fisheries Society
Annual Meeting
Bozeman, Montana

The main thrusts of activities since the end of August, 1990, have fallen roughly into five areas. Those areas are intra-Division communication, equal opportunity issues, symposia, environmental issues, and institutional issues within the Division. I plan to keep priorities for the remainder of my term along these lines. I have only hit the highlights in this report from my narrow perspective. I have identified several future challenges. I wish I had another year or twelve to cope with these challenges, but alas, my family's patience and my employer's understanding might wear thin.

Intra-Division Communication
The Sun Valley meeting last year resulted in considerable consensus that the Division needed to communicate more with Chapter officers and Division membership. This is the single area to which I have dedicated the most effort.

I have struggled to keep up with my agenda, but did manage to attend Chapter meetings for Alaska, Colorado/Wyoming, Hawaii, Montana, and Oregon. I planned on attending Bonneville and Idaho Chapter meetings, but extenuating circumstances prevented that. I am grateful to Cay Goude and Don Chase for representing the Division where they could.

I was impressed by the technical effort at all Chapter meetings. Every Chapter has unique strengths and weaknesses. Chapters can still learn a lot from each other. I am particularly gratified by the efforts of the California/Nevada Chapter and North Pacific International Chapter, when it comes to the "Sibling Chapter Program". They have both done a fine job.

Chapter officers and committee chairs have all been sent briefing books and minutes, as they become available from Society meetings and mid-terms. I have also tried to send out frequent information on desirable leadership skills. Glenn Phillips has done a good job of trying to keep Chapter membership efforts stimulated.

My monthly memos to Chapters and committee chairs have included "cc's" and other information since August 1990. I did miss last November and I do not plan a July memo. These memos have allowed me to efficiently transfer most information to a mailing list of 35-40 folks. It also allowed for three months advance notice of the deadline for annual reports due to the Division and 2 reminders.

Roger Ovink has done an excellent job in changing the Tributary to newprint. Since last fall, this has provided more and cheaper space to transmit news to our members. I have tried to concentrate in my President's column on issues which positively reinforce the Division agenda. Hopefully, they have sparked some thought on the part of members.
Equal Opportunity Issues
Ken Hashagen kicked off the first Division EEO committee. He has taken over correspondence to try and generate interest in a "Mexican" Chapter. As of today, Division members in Mexico do not have a formal voice at the Division Executive Committee. They should.

I have tried to represent Mexican, Latin American and Pacific Islander interests to Larry Nielsen, when it comes to a proposed Society name change. Larry received letters from Mexican and island interests. I believe that it has made a difference.

Joe DoSSantos is getting the Native American Fisheries Committee off and functioning again. He has done a good job of finding funds from the Seattle symposium. I am looking forward to some valuable contributions from the committee. I recently sent some native Pacific Islander information to Joe and I'm sure that he'll try hard to make them a part of the Division's effort.

Symposia
It has been gratifying to see the Division's name lend moral support to two symposia in addition to our annual meeting. We nominally sponsored the introduced fish symposium at the XVII Pacific Science Congress. Hawaii Chapter and Division member Jim Parrish did a good job of pulling that together.

Arizona/New Mexico Chapter and Division member Jim Cooper worked hard to make the Warmwater Symposium happen. The Division was again one sponsor.

The Division's annual meeting can be a success due to the effort of program chair Don Chase, local arrangements chair Pat Bwyer and our host, the Montana Chapter. I signed letters to many agencies requesting sponsorship, donations and participation. Similarly, I invited Society officers and Division members that are on the Society Executive Committee to participate. The Socioeconomics Section should make a valuable contribution to the Division meeting with their workshop.

Environmental Issues
I sent several letters of support for National Marine Fisheries Service's Bill Fox. On other marine fronts, Mike Fraidenburg has been trying to breath life into the Division's marine committee. He's done just fine! He helped get a letter to the editor of Sierra magazine about a gillnetting article, among other activities.

I have forwarded lots of F.I.S.H. information to the Chapters in hopes of stimulating interest. Lee Redmond and Stan Noberly remain key drivers in this effort. It looks like Alaska, Hawaii and Oregon are making some effort to get a local F.I.S.H. in the works.

Mark Gorges took the helm of the Riparian committee late, but has gotten all the correspondence out for the riparian challenge.

Randy Bailey has been responsive as chair of the Environmental Concerns Committee. He has handled a lot of rush requests from me. I signed a letter to the Forest Service commenting on proposed new regulations for the National Forest Management Act. Similarly, written testimony was provided to the Wetlands Coordination Team. A cooperative video on logging practices with
Trout Unlimited is in planning. Randy developed recent testimony for AFS on national legislation for mining law reform.

Jerry Burton provided a briefing paper to me, regarding the petition process for Columbia River salmon, in his capacity as Endangered Species Committee chair. He also provided coordination on a letter to National Marine Fisheries Service on their proposed policy regarding definition of salmon populations relative to the Endangered Species Act. I also coordinated a letter to NMFS from the Society supporting the petitions. I provided an interview for an editorial in Flyfisherman magazine; I also, wrote letters for the Division commending Forest Service policy and Governor Andrus proposed restoration strategy, all on the Columbia issue.

Institutional Issues

Last fall I asked each person volunteering to be a committee chair to perform specific tasks. I am grateful for all of those who not only did those, but so much more. I am confident that the role of the Division, as it is defined in the procedures manual, was enhanced by many activities this year. Some of you have expressed frustration, but I always have appreciated those of you who took the initiative to "move out"! Committee assignments stand as:

- Don Chase -- Program
- Glenn Phillips -- Membership, Time and Place, 89-90 Audit
- Cay Goude -- Awards, Nominations
- Roger Ovink -- Newsletter
- Randy Bailey -- Environmental Concerns
- Dennis Tol -- Resolutions
- Jerry Burton -- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Pete Bisson -- Habitat Inventory Procedures
- John Leppink -- 90-91 Audit
- Susan Martin -- Public Affairs
- Ken Hashagen -- Equal Opportunities
- Mark Gorges -- Riparian
- Joe DoSsantos -- Native American Fisheries
- Mike Fraidenberg -- Marine Fisheries

Pat Coffin has taken the initiative to encourage a Nevada Chapter. Best of luck to him, in his continued effort!

Four small Chapters would function better as Units of larger organizations. I have asked them to consider changing bylaws to achieve a more effective organizational structure. At some point the Division may want to request dissolution of these Chapters. These Chapters are Colorado State Univ., New Mexico State Univ., Portland, and Univ. of Wyoming. They could function as official Units of the Society as parts of the Arizona/New Mexico, Colorado/Wyoming and Oregon Chapters.

I continue to serve on the Society's Certification Appeals Board and the Budget and Finance Committee, for those of you who may have some interest in such things.

I am continually amazed by how stingy the whole Society is with recognition for good work. I believe that so little recognition is counter-productive in a volunteer organization. I have made it a personal mission to get the Division in gear by asking committee chairs to come up with nominees. I hope that Cay
Coude was deluged! I nominated about 8 entities and individuals for Division awards this year. In addition, I wrote to Tom Kovalicky on the occasion of his retirement, commending his fish work. I also purchased a framed gift for him. Similarly, when Carl Sullivan retired, the Division donated $2000 to the permanent home fund in his name. Upon his death, we donated another $1000 to the "Sully" award in his memory and sent our sympathy to his family.

The Division nominated 4 individuals for the Society's Distinguished Service Award. Ben Jaco was one of our nominees, and will receive the award in San Antonio. The Society Executive Committee must approve these awards by a 3/4 vote. I believe this is silly, because all candidates are screened by committee first. I would like a mandate from the Division to move for a change in the requirements of a 3/4 vote to a simple majority, at the San Antonio meeting.

**Future Challenges**

In order to serve the Chapters, and other Division members, I believe that we need to streamline our organization. I recommend that at some date, we change committee structure to the five main headings outlined above or a similar limited number. Present committee functions could be sub-chairs. This would make communication easier for the Division Executive Committee.

Efficiency of communication will be necessary in order to deal with the proliferation of Society Sections and committees. A major topic of this year's Division retreat is communication linkages among the Chapters, Division and Sections. The classic model of the Division President communicating with the Society President and others through the Society Executive Committee is very cumbersome. It is exacerbated by the number of Division committees and Chapters. In order to represent the Chapters and other Division members effectively, the Division will need to continue with committees to "funnel" information to the Society. I believe that it could be done with more efficiency.

Consolidation of Chapters to represent politically viable boundaries would be desirable. Small Chapters should be incorporated into larger organizations. Similarly, states and provinces with more than one Chapter should have one Chapter to be "present" with local government. Multi-state-provincial Chapters seem to function well. Creation of a "Mexican" Chapter and a Nevada Chapter should continue to represent short term priorities.

Fiscal integrity will need to be watched closer as the Division grows. Glenn Phillips' recommendations should be adopted from his last audit report. Consolidation of banking should occur, and committees should not be permitted to create separate accounts without direct Executive Committee control.

**Closing Thoughts**

So far this year has been a lot of fun for me. I hope that it has been fun for you too. The Division is growing in many positive directions. With your continued help, it cannot fail to fulfill its mission. I hope that my last few months as Division President will be extremely productive for you all.
May 24, 1991

To: Dave Burns, President, Western Division AFS

From: Don C. Erman, President, Cal-Neva Chapter, AFS

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE WESTERN DIVISION

WDAFS Chinook - Coho Salmon Symposium

Co-hosted, with Humboldt Chapter, 173 attended, utilized student volunteers, produced published proceedings (in press by Humboldt Coop. Fisheries Ext.), produced $400+ revenue for each WDAFS chapter.

Annual Meeting

Attendance - 179 persons, agenda attached, utilized student and temporary employee volunteers for registration in lieu of registration fee, reduced student attendance fees, addressed contemporary issues (water use conflicts, salmon and steelhead restoration) and brought in speakers from other related disciplines, offered five technical paper sessions. Held evening banquet and raffle.

Continuing Education

$25,000 operating budget, wide range of courses for professionals not available elsewhere, prepared catalog of courses. Constantly developing new courses, $3,000 to $8,000 annual profit for operations of Chapter. Probably the largest and most extensive, ongoing Continuing Education program of any Chapter or Division, even exceeding the Parent Society's efforts. Provided all core and priority courses for the California State Dept. of Fish and Game for the first two years of its operation.
Educational Outreach

Provided partial support to NPI Chapter's Oil Spill Video, supported distribution of Salmon Conservation slideshow to northern California schools, established sub-account for members to make donations specifically for this purpose.

Scholarship Fund

At no charge maintain and disburse the assets of a scholarship fund established as a memorial for Jim Schuler of California State Dept. of Fish and Game.

Environmental Activism

Continue to support and fund Winter Run Salmon litigation and follow up, by funding a Winter Run Salmon Coord. to track action/issues and respond on behalf of Chapter; Support and fund lawsuit to require EIS for Friant Dam water contract renewals (construction eliminated main stem San Joaquin River salmon runs); support and fund lawsuit to prevent out of basin transfers of Stanislaus River water prior to IPIM studies to allocate flow to fish; organize Southern California Steelhead group to evaluate what can be done for nearly extinct runs and to reestablish extirpated runs of steelhead from coastal streams and rivers south of San Francisco Bay/Estuary; comment on water projects and State Water Resources Control Board's Bay-Delta hearing which will seal the fate of the San Francisco Bay/Estuary; propose and comment on legislation improving the requirements for membership on California's Fish and Game Commission and achieving balanced representation from all interest groups. Officially petitioned USFWS for listing of Delta Smelt. Petitioned and supported listing by California Fish and Game Commission (denied by Commission); are consulting with environmental lawyers on possible future suit. Organized diverse group of sport and commercial angler organizations in California to petition new California governor to recognize and take action concerning critical state of all anadromous fishes in state. Established sub-account for donations to the Committee's activities.

Financial Support of WDAFS and National

$200 WDAFS Raffle
$200 National AFS Raffle
$1,000 National AFS Building Fund for Publications Office
$340 Assist in sponsoring Mexican colleagues at AFS Annual Meeting
Newsletter

Three issues per year.

Support Aspirations of Potential Nevada Chapter

Have set aside funds to turn over to a new Nevada chapter, if it is formed, to assist ex-members in their start-up costs.

Logo

Sponsored contest to select new chapter logo.

Awards

Annual Photo Contest
Conservation Achievement Award (not awarded this year)
Individual Professional Achievement Award - Dan Gotschall
Chapter Service Awards - Cay Goude, Chuck Knutson, Al Pickard

General Support of Society and Outreach

Volunteered to host WDAFS and WAPWA joint meeting in 1993;
Volunteered to host National Meeting in 1995 or later;
Arranging future joint annual meeting with Western Division of the Wildlife Society, and Salmon and Steelhead Trout Restoration Federation.
The main business of the Hawaii Chapter, AFS during the year 1990 - 1991 has been (as of May 31, 1991) the organizing and holding of a one day symposium entitled "Introduced Aquatic Organisms in the Pacific Basin" which was held May 31 as a part of the 17th Pacific Science Congress, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 27 - June 2, 1991.

The all day session featured 15 contributed papers and a number of poster papers. Participant’s papers came from the U.S.A., Japan, Australia, Thailand, French Polynesia, India and the Solomon Islands. Four sessions covered the subject matter: 1) Biology of Introductions; 2) Invertebrate and Algal Introductions; 3) Experiences with Introductions and Management; and 4) a panel on the Future of Management of Alien Organisms.

The symposium was organized by Dr. James D. Parrish, who is the Leader, Cooperative Fishery Research Unit, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, University of Hawaii. He did an outstanding job.

Among those attending from out of town was Dr. Dave Burns, President, Western Division, AFS, who was making the first visit of a Western Division President to the Hawaii Chapter. The symposium was preceded on May 30th by a Chapter reception for out of town guests, members and other participants and followed May 31st, the Chapter’s annual meeting during which William S. Devick
was elected President Elect and Walter J. Kehara the Chapter’s new Secretary-Treasurer.

Other activities of the Chapter during the 1990 - 1991 year included a renewed push to provide expert advice to the Hawaii State Legislature if called upon and if the subject warrants Chapter consideration, and in holding the quarterly meetings at various locales where various fisheries related activities are presented. Examples were meetings at the Oceanic Institute (fish tagging presentation by Dr. Ken Leber) and at the Honolulu Hyperbaric Treatment Center, where Director Frank Farm showed and described the center’s recompression chamber, used for treating bends cases among scuba divers and also for certain medical applications. During the coming year the chapter hopes to be active on the subject of gill nets and in Operation F.I.S.H. (Fishermen Involved in Saving Habitat).

P.S. Dave, you will have to fill in the names of the new officers after the meeting May 31st.

5/27/91
See you at the airport on May 29th.
I'll be at the end of the jetway holding a sign that says "DAVE BURNS".

Alaka'i,
Bob
To: Dave Burns
From: Jerry Barnes
Subject: Update on Humboldt Chapter activities

1. Spring symposium:
   Our annual symposium, co-sponsored by The Wildlife Society, was held at Humboldt State University on April 20. Soyka Dobush, president-elect was instrumental in developing and implementing the program (see enclosure). The symposium attracted a broad range of attendees from the community. The attendance at the banquet was even greater, due no doubt to the available beer and good string music provided by the Burl Slabs. This world-renowned group is composed of fishery biologists Bob Franklin, Mike McCain, and James Wroble. Annual chapter awards were made at the banquet (see below). All the delicious food, highlighted by barbequed abacore and chicken, was prepared and served by an AFS crew, headed by member Mike Scalici.

2. Annual chapter awards were given as follows: Dr. Eric Laudenslager, for outstanding contributions in fishery education. Gary Peterson, for significant contributions to fishery conservation. Greg Bryant received the award (with cash) for outstanding chapter member for his contributions over the last 4 years to the healthy chapter finances. Greg supervised our active Tee-shirt sales operation at a broad range of community events, often netting $1000 in a weekend. Greg also received the outstanding student paper award for the symposium.

3. Our conservation committee, headed by Pat Higgins, has been responding to various activities with potential to affect fisheries on the North Coast. Comments were made on the land management plan of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and the long-term plan for the Klamath River Management Council. Pat also represented the chapter at an organizational meeting to consider listing of fish species in California. The report from that meeting has received much attention.

4. The chapter is planning to co-sponsor a workshop in the Shasta River watershed to demonstrate to land-owners the benefits and techniques for riparian zone protection and restoration.
Dear —

Welcome back to the mainland!

Following is some info for
the midterm report:

Based on member's involvement at the
annual meeting, the Idaho chapter
has developed a chapter action
plan with prioritized committee
actions and guidelines for
issue involvement and criteria
for issue selection.

Chapter will be sponsoring a
two-day seminar called 'Survival Workshop'
in Lewiston, Oct 15 & 16.
Speakers from around the
northwest are being invited and
proceedings will be published.

State fund cutthroat poster
progressing.

Excuse the cryptic nature.
Give a call if need more detail.

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: AFS Excom

TO: Chapter Committee Chairmen

SUBJECT: Action Plans

May 3, 1991

On April 27, 1991, the excom and several committee chairmen met and reviewed your committee goals, objectives and proposed actions. As was obvious at the chapter meeting, there was considerable overlap in goals and objectives between committees and in some cases similar actions proposed.

Your plans are aggressive and ambitious and will help to steer the committee. We also have selected what we feel are the priority action items for each committee, and in some cases, suggested which committee(s) should handle action items identified by several. This is not meant to take the place of the committee goals and actions you developed. We have just pulled out the priority actions we feel should be tackled. In nearly all cases, we have suggested that only a few of the actions be tackled this year. There may be lots we would like to do, but if each committee could take just one significant action, we would accomplish a lot as a chapter.

If you see that some of your proposed actions do not appear in the list, it is either because we felt they were lower priority for the time being or they fell into the category of doing somebody else's job because we do not agree with the way they do it or their decisions when what we should be doing is looking at the process they use and the science they have available and suggesting improvements to that. The excom has put together proposed guidelines and criteria for chapter involvement and action on issues which is enclosed and will be included in the next newsletter for members comments.

Although not listed, communication remains a major goal for all committees. You are encouraged to take advantage of the newsletter to let the chapter know what you are up to. If you see different committees listed as lead for an action you proposed, do not panic, you will still be expected to play a major role. Conversely, if you see your committee listed for an action you did not propose, it is only because we see you providing guidance.

We appreciate your enthusiasm. Do not be a committee of one though; use your committee. We have abbreviated the descriptions of your action plans. If you have any questions about our comments or disagree with them, let Steve Bauer know by May 10, 1991. We will put these action items organized by chapter objectives in the newsletter.
I. ADVANCE THE CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT AND WISE USE OF FISHERY RESOURCES FOR OPTIMUM USE AND ENJOYMENT BY ALL

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<td>Develop resolution and forward to WDAFS which encourages budgeting for riparian management implementation on a national level.</td>
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<td>Meet with Oregon chapter representatives at Western to discuss role in salmon recovery plan development and review.</td>
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<td>Develop position paper on smolt survival.</td>
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<td>Review riparian BMPs (watchdog) for grazing, mining, timber and recreation, as developed, for soundness of process and technical information and suggest improvements if appropriate.</td>
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<td>Review antidegradation and water quality monitoring process (watchdog), as developed, for soundness, standardization of methods and process and suggest improvements if appropriate.</td>
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1. GATHER AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON FISHERIES SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

ACTION

1. Develop a PSA on chinook.

2. Develop technical packet supporting need for state reserve water right and distribute to advocacy groups.

3. Develop display for statehouse on cutthroat.

4. Develop membership directory by area of expertise and make available to legislators, members, managers and other decision makers and public and civic organizations.

5. Develop and distribute educational poster and pamphlet on cutthroat.

6. Distribute proceedings of smolt survival workshop.

7. Develop guidelines and instructions for creating PSAs.

8. Develop cutthroat symbol for use on materials.

9. Develop a one-on-one legislative contact network.

10. Develop and distribute technical information packets on ORW to ICL and other advocacy groups.

11. Develop riparian awareness material and distribute to grade schools.

12. Distribute EPA riparian publication to high schools and public and civic groups with resource interests.

COMMITTEE

Chinook
Water Quantity
Education/State Fish
Professional Visibility/Membership
Education/State Fish
Chinook
Professional Visibility
Education/State Fish
Professional Visibility
Water Quality
Riparian/Education

PRIORITY

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II. PROMOTE AND EVALUATE THE EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS
OF THE FISHERIES SCIENCE PROFESSION

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<td>2. Meet with Idaho Aquaculture Association and begin formulation of recommended changes to NPDES permit parameters.</td>
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<td>3. Review NMFS paper on species definition and coordinate need for comments with WDAFS.</td>
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<td>Organize and sponsor workshop on water law and water quantity.</td>
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<td>4. Organize and sponsor workshop on biocriteria.</td>
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<td>5. Organize and sponsor workshop or session on riparian management from a holistic approach.</td>
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<td>6. Broaden participation in aquaculture committee and intercommittee communication.</td>
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<td>7. Provide more aquaculture exposure to chapter through newsletter and annual meeting program.</td>
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<td>8. Develop expert systems catalogue for riparian management.</td>
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GUIDELINES FOR IDAHO CHAPTER AFS ISSUE INVOLVEMENT

1. Involvement in Resource Decision Processes

1) Chapter will not parallel or duplicate decision process.

2) Chapter involvement will focus on the decision process, i.e. is there a lack of good fisheries information, is there inaccurate or incomplete fisheries information, or is it a process which does not give fisheries adequate consideration in making resource decisions. Specific examples will be used.

3) Chapter will recommend or offer improved science, expertise, or recommendations on how the process could be improved.

2. Involvement in Resource Advocacy Issues

Focus on educating (raising the awareness of) the general public, interest groups, and decision makers so that they can be advocates for fisheries resources.

CRITERIA FOR IDAHO CHAPTER AFS ISSUE SELECTION

1. Is the issue pertinent to Idaho Chapter AFS (IAFS) goals?

2. Will IAFS involvement make a difference?

3. Is there IAFS support? (Use the newsletter and annual meeting to assess Chapter support.)

4. Does IAFS have sound technical information?

5. Has the IAFS process been used to select and prioritize the issue? (Note - see the flowchart included in the next newsletter).
American Fisheries Society  
MONTANA CHAPTER  

729 Bridgeview  
Helena, MT 59601  
May 23, 1991

Mr. Dave Burns  
P.O. Box 1351  
McCall, ID 83638

Dear Dave:

My last report to you (mid-year dated January 23, 1991) detailed our activities right up to our annual meeting which was held in Missoula the week of February 4. I have included copies of the minutes of the February 4 EXCOM, the Treasurer's report and a summary of the meeting. Since the meeting, the Chapter has been involved in several activities, outlined below, some of which are continuing efforts of projects described in my mid-year report (a copy of which is appended).

1. In spite of many attempts on our part to discuss and negotiate a settlement on the Copper Creek Timber Sale near Lincoln, the Forest Service appears to be moving ahead with conducting this sale using the salvage sale exemption to eliminate the public's opportunity to appeal. Copper Creek is an important spawning tributary to the Blackfoot River for both bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout. We anticipate entering discussions with an attorney to begin to prepare a lawsuit to stop this sale, unless our negotiation attempts meet with more success in the very near future.

2. We have begun to market the fluvial Arctic grayling belt buckle. We have netted close to $1,500 which will be contributed to a 5-year multi-entity recovery program.

3. The Species of Special Concern Committee received a $2,400 grant from the Chapter earlier this year to fund a study to identify streams suitable for introduction or reintroduction of fluvial Arctic grayling. The Committee has obtained additional funds from several National Forests ($2,500) and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks ($2,000) and will be contracting the study this fall.

4. Chapter members have been very active in helping with preparation for the WDAFS meeting in Bozeman. Members are helping organize a Best of the West volleyball tournament, spawning run, grayling fishing trip, raffle, self-guided bike rides and other activities.
5. We recently presented an award to Forest Service employee, Ron Stellingwerf. Ron, as District Ranger on the Sheridan Ranger District, was instrumental in preparing the upper Ruby Allotment Management Plan DEIS. This plan is designed to bring some resource protection values to a grazing allotment that has severely degraded riparian and fisheries habitat. Mr. Stellingwerf is leaving the Ruby Valley because of the intense political controversy surrounding the plan. His courage and commitment to the resource should be an inspiration to all.

6. We are preparing a special edition of our newsletter dedicated solely to the fluvial Arctic grayling issue. This special edition will be sent to paid up members and will include a ballot for them to vote whether or not the Chapter should petition to list the Big Hole River grayling under the Endangered Species Act.

7. Chapter members continue to provide comments on numerous timber sales and grazing allotment proposals. This takes a tremendous amount of time and effort. We also have continued to be active in wilderness issues.

Dave, I will not be able to attend the Leadership Workshop on Tuesday, the 16th of July, but Jim Peterson, our President-elect will be on hand. I hope this letter meets your needs.

Best Regards,

Chris Hunter
President

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Enclosures
C: EXCOM

P.S. Yesterday I received a letter from John Wimma (enclosed) indicating that the Helena Forest will talk to us about the Upper Copper Creek sale.
American Fisheries Society
Montana Chapter
Chris Hunter, President
729 Bridgeview
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Mr. Hunter:

I wanted to personally thank you for your letter concerning the Conservation Roundtable. I was also pleased with the positive and productive nature of the roundtable meeting. I hope we all have an opportunity to get together in the future in a similar vein to share and discuss topics of common interest.

You also noted in your letter a concern over the Upper Copper Creek timber sale on the Helena National Forest. I have asked Forest Supervisor Ernie Nunn to contact you and set up a convenient time when you, Ernie, and District Ranger Liebscher can discuss concerns relative to the Upper Copper Creek timber sale. I appreciate your desire to continue cooperative discussions. I assure you this is also our preference. The Conservation Roundtable was my way of extending that invitation for open and ongoing dialogue. I, and members of my staff, would certainly like to continue to foster this type of relationship with you.

I look forward to hearing how your meeting with the Helena proceeds and seeing you again in the future.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. MUMMA
Regional Forester
Mr. Dave Burns
P.O. Box 1351
McCall, ID 83638

January 23, 1991

Dear Dave:

This letter constitutes my mid-year report. As usual the accomplishments of the Chapter are legion, I will just hit the highlights. As we enter the second half of the year my biggest agenda item is to try to influence the Forest Service on some of their timber harvest activities (note our Copper Creek sale appeal and our letter to Robertson regarding Mumma). We know that the Forest Service is under pressure to increase the cut. We know that they are overloading the system with proposed sales hoping that conservation groups cannot keep up. This leads to an increase in sales that are approved, but at what cost to fishery resources? We know that the Forest Service is using administrative shenanigans to make unappealable decisions. Again this will increase the cut but at what cost. I hope that over the next 6 months we can take some action to let the Forest Service know that they cannot continue doing business this way.

I have no problem with your memos with regard to spelling, grammar, etc. I look forward to seeing you in February.

1. MCAFS funded four proposals from our Resource Action Fund. These include:

   - A study of streams suitable for introduction or reintroduction of fluvial Arctic grayling, a Montana Species of Special Concern ($2,400). Submitted by Fishes of Special Concern Committee.

   - Development of Fishes of Montana slide show for distribution to Project Wild facilitators ($1,000). Submitted by Education Committee.


   - Development of a 4 panel display of Montana warm water Fishes of Special Concern for display at meetings, fairs, school, etc. ($1,305). Submitted by Fishes of Special Concern Committee.
2. MCAFS appealed a proposed timber sale on Copper Creek near Lincoln. The appeal was based on the potential impact to an important bull trout spawning stream and the lack of public input to the planning process. In response to the appeal, the Forest Service offered to reduce roading and the cut to limit sediment production. Now they are reconsidering the sale. We suspect they are trying to conduct this sale without allowing the opportunity to appeal.

3. MCAFS prepared a draft 1990-1991 Action Agenda which was published in the November 1990 issue of our newsletter, the Outlet. The Action Agenda has since been finalized.

4. MCAFS has been very active in instream flow issues this year. Instream flow has become a very hot issue in the past 9 months leading up to our 1991 legislative session. We have had representatives of several conservation organizations attend our Executive Committee meetings to describe their legislative proposals. We have appointed a 4 person "Blue Ribbon" committee to review these proposals and provide ideas for improving these proposals to the sponsors. The annual meeting will feature a discussion of pending instream flow legislation.

5. MCAFS developed and produced a beautiful belt buckle depicting the fluvial Arctic grayling. Proceeds from the sale of this buckle will be contributed toward efforts to restore this Montana Fish of Special Concern. This project was undertaken in conjunction with the George Grant Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Big Hole River Foundation.

6. The MCAFS Riparian Committee set up and manned a booth at the trade show accompanying the Governor's Rangeland Resources Conference held in Billings in December. The committee showed a variety of video tapes that they have collected describing riparian habitat and grazing management. Several requests for videos were made and have been filled. The committee also distributed copies of the proceedings of the Riparian Resource Management Workshop.

7. The MCAFS Education Committee prepared a proposal to develop an educational poster and distribute it to 13,000 classrooms across Montana. The poster will depict a cross section of a trout stream showing algae, insects, native fish species, riparian habitat and terrestrial wildlife - even avifauna. The intent is to show the complexity of a healthy, native ecosystem. The proposal was submitted to the Montana Trout Foundation. The artwork will be donated by fishery biologist/artist Rich Stevenson.

8. The Chapter has been busy planning the annual meeting as well as being involved in preparations for the 1991 Western Division meeting in Bozeman.
In addition, we have provided comment on several grazing plans and timber sales. We wrote a letter to Dale Robertson (enclosed) in support of John Mumma. We received a response to this letter from Paul Brouha (enclosed) that I found quite disturbing for two reasons: (1) Brouha obviously does not understand the politics of wilderness in Montana if he thinks Mumma is responsible for the mess we are in; and (2) I don't like, and I am not alone by any stretch, someone in Washington, DC telling me and our organization what we should and should not do. You might sensitize our new Executive Director on this issue.

Piscatorially Yours,

Chris Hunter
President

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TOTAL: $3,610.66

ESTIMATED INCOME FROM DUES, 1991 = $1,090.00
SHORTFALL = $2,520.66

Recommendations: It is critical that the annual meeting registration be sufficient to pay for all the cost of the annual meeting. The seminar and the summer workshop should also be self supporting. The raffle income (approximately $1,000.00) could then be used to help pay operating expenses of the chapter. Obviously, we need more income than this if we want to pay our operating expenses without tapping the Resource Action Fund. The Western Division meeting should bring in sufficient income to keep us going, but we should be considering some long term planning. We may also want to consider some belt tightening in the future on some of our more extravagant expenses, i.e. permanent home fund and AFS raffle donation.
VI. Wade Fredenburg announced that Tom McMahon is the new Fisheries Professor at MSU.

VII. New Business. John Fraley passed out the procedures manual update. We will have a review copy at the registration desk. It needs to be put on disk - assigned to Chris Hunter for next year.

The student caucus will be at 6:00 Wed. night. We will ask the students- how can MCAFS benefit the education of fisheries students.

Chris Hunter wanted to know how the committee structure is working. Brad Shepard said he is concerned about the mining issue because his committee is too busy to handle it. Joe's Environmental Concerns committee has handled one mining issue, and will handle more in the future.

VIII. Committee reports.

Riparian committee: Don Peters not at meeting. Chris reported that Don is now about a one person committee. He went to the Governors Conference on Rangelands with a poster display about the MCAFS collection of riparian videos. Dan Carty has about 20 copies of the Proceedings from the Riparian Symposium which the EXCOM decided to try to sell.

Awards: Jim Darling reported that we have awards to give out in 5 of the 6 categories. Dave Burns and Glenn Phillips will also be awards luncheon speakers.

Legislative: Mark Lere. Should we have a phone tree this year? Mark is concerned about informing people about complex issues over the phone. Decided to have a phone tree to inform people that bills are coming up, what the bills are about, and what the EXCOM position is but we will not tell people whether to support or oppose a bill. We will ask people to sign up at the registration table.

Water Legislation subcommittee: The committee didn't review the metering bill or the water leasing bills because they aren't out yet. There are two salvage water bills pending. The Governor's bill (now the DNRC bill) has been gutted and the MWF bill hasn't been introduced yet. The baseflow legislation has not been introduced yet.

The instream transfer bill is SB 212. There was heated debate within the MCAFS subcommittee. We will have a debate on this bill at the business meeting, and then will have a vote of the membership to get a sense of what people think. There are two parts to the bill- the transfer portion and the new appropriation portion- and they need to be considered separately.
Land Management: Brad Shepard. The grazing audit is done and is out for review. He will submit it to Fisheries for publication. MCAFS will pay the page charges and send out reprints. The committee also reviewed 65-70 projects last year and sent out official comments of 16 of them.

The land management committee also coordinated the MCAFS appeal of a Helena National Forest timber sale last summer. This is the first time the chapter has appealed a timber sale. Brad reported that we asked to be on the Helena National Forest contact list at least twice, but we didn't get noticed on six sales. We decided to appeal the Copper Creek sale based on procedural problems and high resource values. The Forest Service withdrew the sale based on our (and one other) appeal. They had a field trip which we attended, and they made some good modifications to their sale plan. Then we received notice that they were withdrawing the whole sale. Then they wrote us a said they were going to do the sale after all, but it's a "salvage sale" and therefore not appealable. The Helena NF is now calling everything salvage. Debate on our next course of action - Chris will contact Bradshaw and ask for his legal advice.

Brad is developing a database in FS and BLM plans, goals, management standards, monitoring, etc for fish and watershed. They will share this database with others so we can compare what they said they would do with what they are actually doing.

Environmental Concerns: Joe DosSantos. The committee commented on the Warm Springs ponds clean up and was partly successful in getting what we asked for. They are in touch with Conrad Burns on the Berkeley pit situation.

On the wilderness issue the committee wrote a strong letter to Burns, Baucus, and Bumpers asking for 2.4 million acres of new wilderness. Baucus has submitted a new bill on the Lolo and Kootenai Accords. Burns is now supporting the accords process.

Refinements to the 1872 Mining Law are on Hold for now.

The Committee commented on the Noranda mine - impacts on white sturgeon and scientific deficiencies of the draft EIS.

The committee will be working on the Livingston cleanup next year.

They have written several letters to North Dakota on the zander issue and have not gotten any response. Chris Hunter said he talked to Terry Steinwand and they put zander in two places and now they can't find them. They are considering another plant. They are annoyed with Montana for introducing fish into Ft. Peck.
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Dan Carty - printing the newsletter on recycled paper could cost 25% more, should we do it? Decision: yes.

Dan Hinckley reports that he is working on BMP's on riparian wetland sites. He is submitting a proposal to BLM research and management division for $330,000 for a 5 year project. Is MCAFS interested? Yes - send us a proposal before July 1 for the RAF.

Jim Peterson - how should we spend the $100 donation to Coffelt? Decision to buy snacks for the hospitality room.

X. Meeting adjourned.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

Put procedures manual on disk - Chris Hunter (1992)

Lobbying during legislative session - Legislative Committee with help from George Holton, Art Whitney, and the phone tree volunteers.

Paddlefish subcommittee - Dave Genter. Get paddlefish law to sunset or have MCAFS apply to run the program. Monitor issues and legislation.

Educational poster - Wade Fredenburg and Education Committee.

Develop MCAFS brochure (before July, 1991) and recruit affiliate members - Greg Kindschi and membership committee.

Publish grazing audit results, continue to monitor timber sales, develop land management database - Brad Shepard and Land Management Committee.

Get legal advice on what to do with the Helena NF situation - Chris Hunter.

Continue working on wilderness, superfund, mining and zander issues - Joe DosSantos and Environmental Concerns Committee.

Draft an issue paper for the membership's review: should MCAFS petition to have the grayling listed as an endangered species? by April 30, 1991 - Dave Genter

Belt buckle sales and publicity - Chris Hunter?

Clark Fork instream flow issues - Fred Nelson and Bob White?

Develop MCAFS logo and banner - Ginger Thomas

Work on WDAFS meeting - all EXCOM and many other volunteers!
We (MCAFS) appealed a timber sale last year on the Helena NF. Our appeal was based on the fact that we were not involved in the decision making despite two requests and on the biological impacts.

The committee is also reviewing all forest plans. Copies of the review are available in dBase format.

Legislative committee - Mark Lere. We made a $500.00 donation to Audubon for lobbying. George Holton and Art Whitney are also testifying on our behalf. The phone tree has 23 people signed up so far - it is primarily for informational purposes.

A subcommittee consisting of Mark Lere, Wade Fredenburg, Fred Nelson, Bill Gardner, and Ginger Thomas reviewed proposed water legislation. The EXCOM voted to approve the subcommittee report. There will be a debate later in the meeting on several of the more controversial pieces of legislation.

The paddlefish bill roe bill started out as a very troubling bill but it has been amended now to only expand the area of the river in which paddlefish can be taken.

Species of special concern committee - George Liknes reported for Dave Genter. The committee is working on development of agency guidelines for management of species of special concern. They are also working on a poster of fishes of special concern, cutthroat trout recovery plans, a grayling recovery committee, and a gene strain registry. A paddlefish subcommittee is being formed. Andy Sheldon offered to act as a clearinghouse on crayfish and mussels.

Chris Hunter discussed the paddlefish roe legislation at length. The problem with the program is that there is increased potential for poaching because selling paddlefish roe is now legal in Montana. Dave Genter is setting up a subcommittee and will be writing letters to legislators to educate them on the problems with the program. If the program does pass, MCAFS could apply to become the non-profit organization which runs the program. Chris encouraged people who are not MDFWP employees to be on the paddlefish subcommittee.

Continuing education - Dan Carty. Held a negotiation seminar last Tuesday. Most of the comments were positive. We will loose about $600.00 on the seminar due to lack of registrants. We will do another seminar next year, the committee is considering bringing Dave Rosgen here to do a workshop on géomorphology and fluvial mechanics.
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Brad suggested we do a field trip to the Wall Creek allotment that we worked on at the summer workshop in 1987. Also we could maybe have a habitat improvement tour at Ted Turner's place. Any members with recreational ideas should contact Chris hunter.

Old business - none brought up.

New business

Bob White reports that the World Fisheries Congress has been postponed for about 1 year. AFS received a grant from Chevron to publish Fisheries News. The parent society is considering a name change as we are ineffective in influencing transboundary issues because of our name. The issue will come to a vote this year or next. A name change was defeated in a vote a few years ago. Other options for a name would be the North American Fisheries Society or The Fisheries Society of the Americas. There will be an article about this in the March/April issue of Fisheries.

Chris Hunter reported that the Idaho Chapter wants to publish their fisheries abstracts annually as an intermountain publication. Barb Kelly volunteered to coordinate this for Montana.

Chris Hunter reported on the water legislation subcommittee and their report. Bob White moved that we adopt the recommendations of the subcommittee, and Art Whitney seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Fred Nelson and Wade Fredenburg presented different viewpoints on the water rights transfer bill and the license fee increase bill.

Pat Dwyer moved we support SB 212 and Janet Decker-Hess seconded the motion. Mark Lere said this is a problem because there are really two issues in SB212. Steve Leathe moved to amend Pat's motion to vote on the two issues separately. Then he withdrew his motion. There was debate. Laney Hanzel called for the question, and Ron Snyder seconded the motion. The vote was 33 to 28 to close debate. Pat Dwyer's motion was passed on a voice vote.

Wade Fredenburg moved we support the concept of a fee increase if the transfer bill passes. Laney Hanzel seconds the motion. Discussion. Laney Hanzel called for the question, and Glenn Phillips seconded. The motion to close debate passed on a voice vote. Wade's motion was then defeated.
Bob White moves we donate $500.00 to the AFS permanent home fund. Motion seconded by Al Wipperman. Motion passes.

Bill Gardner moves we donate money to the Montana Wildlife Federation to support the water legislation. Wade Fredenburg seconds the motion. Discussion. Wade calls for the question, and Glenn Phillips seconds. The debate is closed, Bill Gardner's motion is defeated in a voice vote.

Janet Decker-Hess suggests we make smaller belt buckles. The suggestion is taken under advisement.

Bob White thanked the Chapter for their donation to the permanent home fund and announced Sully's retirement party March 9th.

Announcement of new officers - John Fraley. Chris Clancy is the new Secretary/Treasurer.

Recognition of past president - Chris Hunter. Gave John Fraley an award for his work as Chapter president.

Bob White moved to adjourn, seconded all around the room. Meeting adjourned.
ANNUAL MEETING
of
MONTANA CHAPTER
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

The 1991 annual meeting of the Montana Chapter was held in Missoula, MT Feb. 6-8. The meeting was a great success with over 120 people attending. The meeting got off to an excellent start with a keynote by Jim Posewitz, Special Assistant to the Director of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Jim gave an inspiring talk keying on the theme of the meeting; For Everyone Forever, Montana's Fishery Resources.

Over the past year the Montana Chapter has been involved in many challenging fishery management issues. Several of these issues were addressed in panel discussions at the meeting, including Montana water issues, wilderness and future of the fluvial Montana grayling. These are all controversial issues that are facing resource managers in Montana at the present time. The discussions presented the issues and the controversies and helped inform our members of the importance of these complicated and timely issues. The water and grayling issues were especially hot items and generated much discussion at the general meeting and the business meeting.

Other panel topics included the future of Flathead Lake, reservoir management in Montana and a special panel on "Learning From our Elders." The "Elders" panel included four retired Montana fisheries professionals talking on their experiences and perspectives on fisheries management. It drew a packed meeting room and a standing ovation. Student papers and contributed papers were also included on the agenda the first day of the meeting and included interesting papers on a variety of subjects. All the student papers were of excellent quality. Mark Mullins from Montana State University won the best student paper award.

This year the Montana Chapter meeting included a poster demonstration session. Poster presentations included posters on fisheries management, riparian and habitat, fish culture, fish health and fisheries-related activities. The session went over exceptionally well. A no-host bar set up in the room added to the evening session which was well attended. The posters added to the professional presentation at the meeting and provided an opportunity for everyone to socialize.

Committee work and AFS business are an important part of the Montana Chapter. A considerable amount of time was dedicated to committee work and various business issues. The week started off with a one day EXCOM retreat which was attended by all Montana Chapter officers and committee chairmen. We also devoted a major portion of one afternoon to committee caucuses and invited the general membership to attend the caucus of his/her choice. This was the opportunity for members to get involved in committee activities and have a say in how the Chapter is dealing with the
many issues we are involved with. The business meeting followed the committee caucuses and committee reports and activities were an important part of the meeting.

The annual raffle, keg and buffet was another hit this year. The raffle was a good money maker and featured drawings for various prizes donated by local businesses. The entertainment was exceptional this year. It included a "rest of the story" slide show depicting fun and the not-so-fun days of fishery work, a pair of "world class" MCs for the prize give away who cannot be adequately described (you had to be there), fisheries rap II and assorted musical entertainment and a "hooks and ladders" demonstration, which is a Project Wild skit designed for youth education.

The Montana Chapter annual meeting was a busy event. Most of the members of the Chapter got involved in the meeting in one way or another. The meeting was a success because everyone got involved.
DATE: 6/6/91

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TO: Dr. David C. Burns

FAX NO. (308) 634-1328

MESSAGE: Attached is a copy of the letter to Cy nominating NPIC for the Division's Chapter of the Year Award. Thanks very much for letting me use it for our chapter report. Please give me a call if I need to clarify anything. Happy trails.

Pete

FROM: P. Bishop

FAX NO. (206) 924-6182

If there are any problems with this transmission please call me at (206) 924-6329.
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June 5, 1991

Cay C. Goude
10685 Jackson Road
Sacramento, CA  95830

Dear Cay:

I would like to nominate the North Pacific International Chapter (NPIC) for the Western Division’s Chapter of the Year Award. Although there are many energetic chapters within our division whose activities must surely make them deserving of this award, I believe the NPIC merits special recognition for the following reasons:

Improvement

As the largest local chapter in AFS (721 members), we have tremendous potential to benefit fisheries resources as well as the fishery science profession. Yet I’ve always felt that we weren’t living up to our full potential. A good share of the reason is that the chapter not only encompasses different states/provinces but also different countries. This has made it difficult for our members to communicate and interact with each other -- a difficulty too often exacerbated by a pervasive governmental agency failure to recognize the real value in allowing scientists to freely exchange ideas and experiences. We have recognized this problem, and are attempting to correct it by (1) pressing agency leaders on both sides of the border through direct mailings to promote their staff’s involvement in AFS and their attendance at our annual meetings, (2) making sure that environmental issues in which the NPIC is involved are reviewed by experts from both Washington and British Columbia, (3) having U.S. and Canadian membership in all standing committees, and (4) taking care that technical sessions at our annual meetings, which occur alternately in Washington and B.C., cover topic of general interest to all members. I think our efforts have started to pay off, as we have had increased attendance at our 1990 and 1991 annual meetings, and a better balance of fisheries scientists and administrators from the two countries.
It wasn't until two years ago that our chapter had permanently-established committees, and this too hindered our effectiveness in dealing with important fisheries-related issues. We now have seven standing committees: Forestry/Fisheries, Continuing Education, Environmental Affairs, Marine Fisheries, Student Affairs, Aquaculture, and Indian Fisheries. As their activities and projects begin to increase (e.g., workshops, position statements, seminars, etc.), we're starting to see benefits in terms of member involvement and public awareness. For example, three committees put on special sessions at the annual meeting, the Marine Fisheries committee held two seminars for commercial fishermen at the annual Seattle Fishing Exposition, and the Continuing Education committee has several workshops on the drawing board for the coming year.

I think we also suffered from a lack of well defined protocols and procedures within the chapter. In the past, this led to confusion over responsibilities regarding such things as the preparation of position statements. To remedy this deficiency we have prepared a Chapter Procedure Manual that was presented at this year's annual meeting to all EXCOM members, all committee chairs, and anyone else interested in chapter workings. I was pleased to learn that Paul Brouha wanted several copies of our manual to use as a suggested prototype for chapters in other AFS divisions.

Finally, one of the biggest improvements I've observed has been the quality and quantity of technical papers at the annual meeting. I tend to think that this is true across the Western Division, and the Oregon chapter meetings I've attended have been exemplary, but we've had several criticisms that there wasn't enough meat in our technical sessions. Fortunately, things have changed. Last year we had 62 technical presentations at the annual meeting and this year's meeting boasted 54 papers. Many people have remarked that they've noticed a significant improvement in both the breadth of subjects and the overall quality of the talks. Much of this improvement, I think, has resulted from a concerted effort to recruit papers from some very talented faculty and graduate students among the universities within our chapter's boundaries.

**Involvement**

A large measure of chapter success is the extent to which it serves the needs of its constituents, and in turn, how well the members are motivated to become involved in chapter activities. The NPIC has had some success in the following areas:

1991 marked the official beginning of the University of Washington subunit. Thanks to the efforts of a couple of key students (one of which is organizing a session for Bozeman) and faculty, this unit now meets on a monthly basis during the school year, invites seminars from visiting scientists, and has elected officers and bylaws. The fact that they have a bank account is further proof that they've "arrived", and I understand that they are sponsoring fishing clinics for youngsters in June. The NPIC is very happy to see the U.W. unit getting off to a good start, and we're encouraging other universities to do likewise.
The chapter has taken an active stand on the issue of removing the two hydroelectric dams on Washington's Elwha River; a letter of resolution to remove the dams was passed at the annual meeting and was sent to FERC Secretary Lois Cashell with copies going to various congressional delegations, federal and state agencies, tribes, electricity user groups, conservation organizations, and the news media. Although the final decision won't be forthcoming for many months, I think we have a good chance to influence the outcome.

The chapter also provided testimony at a hearing concerning the possession, breeding and sale of several exotic fish species in Washington with the potential to become ecologically destructive if released into the wild. Our testimony helped to form the basis for revised state codes regulating these fishes.

NPIC has tried to be responsive to the needs of NMFS and USFWS concerning the listing of salmonid stocks at risk of extinction. We publicized the call for data in our newsletter during the Snake River sockeye and chinook review period, and sent a letter offering the technical expertise of our membership to the NMFS review office. We have carefully followed and considered the actions of other chapters in the Division with regard to active involvement in the petitioning process, and we will be committed to participating in the development and implementation of division-wide policies regarding endangered stock identification and protection.

We have strongly supported the establishment of a Canadian Office to serve the special needs of our Canadian members. One of our members co-chaired the Canadian Concerns committee and has been instrumental in getting support for a society name change.

We have plans for two symposia in the works. The first will deal with the management of wild stocks of coho salmon in British Columbia, and will be sponsored jointly with the Association of Professional Biologists. The second will deal with the biology and management of sockeye and kokanee. Both symposia are planned for 1992.

Next year's NPIC annual meeting will overlap with the meeting of the Northwest Scientific Association. Biodiversity and Wetlands will be their two major themes, and we'll be working together on several joint sessions. One advantage of this arrangement is that it will give about 300 additional scientists an opportunity to learn about our chapter, and possibly allow us to sign up some new members.

Finally, I've been very happy with the sibling chapter program in which we share information about our activities with a designated sister chapter -- in our case Cal-Neva. I think it has been very worthwhile to learn about their activities, as we often share issues of similar concern. Also, it had significantly increased the speed of grapevine information. Sincere thanks go to Don Erman for his diligence in keeping us posted on what Cal-Neva is up to.
Public Education

For several years the national office has encouraged AFS members to be visible. One way we can do this effectively is to help educate the public about environmental issues of importance. NPIC has decided to undertake the production of a videotape that will highlight the environmental tragedy of the 1989 oil spill in Prince William Sound and conclude with some tips on how to be energy efficient. The videotape will be geared toward high school students and adults wishing to learn more about oil conservation, and will be available to schools and philanthropic organizations for free on loan or to purchase at a nominal cost. Professional video production costs are inevitably expensive and the chapter will be investing a significant portion of its financial resources in the videotape without expectation of cost recovery. Fortunately, we’ve had some very generous help from several other chapters within the Division, and thus far we’ve raised almost $2,000 in donations and production services. We hope to complete the project within 1991 (we’re over halfway done) and will be distributing copies of the tape to other chapters so that everyone in the Division can profit from the effort. This is an ambitious project for us, and we hope the outcome will be worthwhile.

Summary

Ours is a large, often unwieldy chapter, but one with excellent potential. National borders have added to the difficulties in achieving a unified organization but significant progress is being made. We’re doing more things, in more arenas, than ever before. Involvement levels are up due to committee activities and student organization. We’ve held or have planned a number of seminars, workshops, and symposia for both fishery scientists and the public. We’re trying to respond in a credible and timely manner to issues of immediate concern, and we’re making our first venture into public education.

Perhaps more than anything else, I sense a level of vitality within NPIC that is refreshing and encouraging. Although I’m highly biased, I think a little recognition would be quite healthy and would stimulate our members. We have a long way to go, but I think we’re pointed in the right direction.

Thanks very much for considering the North Pacific International Chapter for the Chapter of the Year Award.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Bisson
President
Dear Dave,

This has been a long and exhausting semester, but somehow I managed to get through it. We were fairly busy with our t-shirt sales. So far we have sold about 66 of them.

We did hold our biweekly meetings, with some interesting guest speakers. To name a few: Lynne Zenley discussed fishery opportunities in the Peace Corps, Bob Budd (Executive Director of the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association) discussed livestock/fish interactions, Bill Bradshaw (Wyoming Game and Fish Dept.) talked about instream flow issues, and Clay Speas (Forest Service) and Dirk Miller (G&F) came and discussed summer employment opportunities for this field season.

Things will be slow this summer as far as the student chapter goes, but I am looking forward to attending the Bozeman meeting in July.

If you need to get a hold of me, I'll be here on the Pinedale Ranger District of the B-T.

Dave
MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 1991

TO: Dave Burns
FROM: Glenn Phillips
RE: Membership Committee Report

Dave, I do not have a great deal to add to the information that I provided you with last February. Three chapters (Hawaii, Montana and New Mexico State University) provided me with updates of their recent activities; I am attaching their reports for your review. I may receive additional reports over the next week or two and will pass them on to you as I receive them.

It is my impression that all of the Chapters have reasonably active membership programs. As might be expected, Chapters vary in their approach to membership issues. I have provided each Chapter with the membership reports of the other Chapters to share some of the ideas that are being employed. As you know, membership work is relatively thankless and somewhat painful. I have tried to communicate regularly with the chairmen and to be responsive to their requests for information.

I HAVE NO MOTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION.

drg
Attachments
21 MAY 1991

Glenn Phillips, Membership Chairman
American Fisheries Society, Western Division
64 Clearview
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Glenn,

Sorry this membership report is late. Do you have a FAX? To date my role as membership chair for the Hawaii Chapter has been limited to recruiting drives. The member list is kept current by our secretary, Linda Paul.

We have recently converted our membership year to the calendar year, but renewal/recruiting notices prepared in March have only just been mailed, so we expect a jump in members soon.

As of 15 May 1991, our membership shows as paid up for 1990:

- Hawaii only: 07
- National only: 23
- Hawaii + National: 15
- 1991 Hawaii + National: 01
- Inactive: 44

Linda informs me that we are completely out of national membership brochures/applications. Could you please send 150?

Thanks. Will try to be more timely in the future.

Sincerely,

Sherwood Maynard
Membership Chairman

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American Fisheries Society
New Mexico State University Student Chapter
P.O. Box 1407
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To: Glenn Phillips, Membership Chairman

From: Keith Bido, President

Date: May 15, 1991

Subject: Annual report

As of April 9, 1991 our chapter has a total of 19 student members and two faculty advisors. We will hold our yearly elections of new officers in the fall.

It has been a very promising year for the NMSU student chapter. We brought in a number of professional speakers from Arizona and New Mexico who talked on a variety of subjects from endangered species to watershed management. Several education programs were also sponsored by the chapter. Not only were schools visited by members but a workshop was held for the local boy scouts in order for them to earn their wildlife and fisheries management merit badges. Other activities of the student chapter included: field trips to meetings, volunteer work, public information booths, fund raisers and social events for the students and faculty.

I feel that The American Fisheries Society is a very important addition to the students education. Not only does it allow them to be a member of a professional society but it furthers their professional attitude. This summer I will be working in Alaska so if you have any question about the chapter you can contact Dr. Paul Turner at the above address. Thank You.
May 13, 1991

Mr. Glenn Phillips
64 Cloverview
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Glenn:

This is in response to your request dated April 30, 1991 concerning an Annual Report from the APS Montana Chapter Membership Committee.

The following are members of this committee:

Greg Kindschi (chairman), USFWS, Bozeman
Ginger Thomas (Sec.-Treas.), Missoula
Les Evarts, CS&K Tribes, Pablo
Lane Hanzel, MTDF&W, Kalispell
Joe Urbani, Inter-Fluve, Inc., Bozeman

Presently in Montana there are 123 Parent Society, 106 Chapter, 20 student, 3 associate, 0 affiliate, and 5 library members. The membership committee is still working to keep the roles current so address labels can be supplied accurately to other committees. The Chapter brochure is currently in press and will be available shortly for distribution. The designing and organizing of the brochure has taken a considerable amount of time over the last year. The brochure will aid us immensely in our affiliate membership drive as well as helping the Chapter obtain raffle prizes from local businesses who aren't familiar with the Chapter. We are the only Chapter pursuing affiliate membership and we feel this is very important to bring together others interested in the aquatic resources of our State. The Chapter brochure will also be distributed at the upcoming AFS Western Division Annual Meeting to be held in Bozeman, July 15-19, 1991.
Besides handling registration at each Annual Meeting we are also helping people with certification and trying to keep informed as to the new fisheries personnel and students entering Montana. There are 33 certified fisheries scientists in Montana but only 26 of these individuals are currently members of AFS. We are working on renewing the memberships of those who are not and also trying to get more qualified fisheries personnel to apply for certification. If people become certified the Membership Committee will mount and frame their certificate for free.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 587-9265.

Sincerely,

Greg Kindschi
505 N. Valley Dr.
Bozeman, MT 59715
Dave Burns, President  
WDAPS  
P.O. Box 1351  
McCall, ID 83638

Dear Dave:

My observations on the audit are not much different than last year. I think John Leppink did a great job of keeping the books but there are several areas that I think we need to improve upon.

1. It continues to be difficult to track records with the change in guard of the Secretary-Treasurer. Two of our accounts, a savings account at Washington Mutual Savings Bank and a checking account at Mountain America Credit Union, were easy to track. The savings account was kept in the same bank as the previous year and my records were continuous from the previous year. The checking account was a new account that was established when the Western Division received its APS dues allotment. Because records were kept of the amount of dollars received from Mary Frye, this account could also be tracked from its inception. The third account, a checking account at Washington Mutual, was more of a problem. My records from the previous year on this account ended on 5/23/89 with a balance of $4,063.65. My records for this year began on 12/1/90 with a balance of $2,404.33.

In other words, I have no way of tracking transactions that occurred between those dates. I seriously doubt that there is any wrong doing here but we need to be sure that we have complete records. Again, I think we should have one ledger book that passes from each Secretary-Treasurer to the next that includes records of all deposits, withdrawals and account transfers. Secretary-Treasurers may still use spread sheets but all of the information on the spread sheets should be transferred to the ledger book at the end of the year.

2. We should also attempt to obtain receipts for all transactions. There were several transactions, both this year and last, where no receipt was received. I suggest that the Secretary-Treasurer keep a notebook in which each cancelled check is kept on the top of the page and the receipt on the bottom.

D. B.
3. I recommend again that in situations where we take in large sums of money, such as the raffle at the annual meeting, that we have two individuals count the cash before it is deposited and that both individuals sign a form indicating the amount of money received. The Secretary-Treasurer should keep this as part of the Division records.

4. I recommend that we keep only one checking account and one savings account for the Division. Two accounts increase the difficulty of record keeping. John Leppink suggests that we look for a bank that is recognized throughout the west so that we do not need to worry about transferring accounts.

I hope that these recommendations are helpful. I plan on talking to Lynn Starnes about beginning a ledger book and implementing some of these other suggestions.

Sincerely,

Glenn Phillips
Audit Committee

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C: Lynn Starnes
   John Leppink
   Don Chase
Dear Dave:

Currently we have 4 resolutions for the Western.

1. Bull Trout Status and Protection - to identify species status, critical habitat, watersheds of concern, and to undertake necessary measures to restore and protect.

2. Resolution on Federal Riparian/Aquatic Habitat Management - to require land manager accountability, use receipts from resource uses to reverse condition trends, funding be spent only on projects which directly result in improved conditions.

3. Resolution Concerning Missouri River Restoration Program - to support the USPS proposal to serve as facilitator in enhancement of Missouri River ecosystem.

4. Participation by Tribes in Federal Aid for Fisheries Management - to provide Federal funding for fisheries habitat restoration on tribal lands.

A report is shortly forthcoming to the executive committee for resolution No. 4 and the others are undergoing committee review. I hope to have a report to the Excom before the July Meeting.

Denny
May 14, 1991


The Committee was not as active as either the Chair Ken Hashagen, or the Division President Dave Burns, had hoped!

The EEO Committee was involved in two activities in 1991:

- Assist with the formation of a Mexican AFS Chapter. The Committee sent a great deal of information to an individual in Mexico who had volunteered to work toward a Mexican Chapter. To date, there has been no visible action. Ken Hashagen will also make a presentation to the Cal-Neva Chapter in late May requesting funding to assist the travel and per diem of nonmember biologists to a conference sponsored by the International Section. One major roadblock in the establishing of foreign chapters will be the cost of membership. Unless some provision is made to waive or adjust membership fees, foreign membership will languish.

- In an attempt to focus on an EEO program at the Division level, a letter was prepared for Presidents Burns' signature requesting that each chapter discuss the AFS equal employment opportunity policy and identify one person as the Chapter's EEO contact. This information (names) would be transmitted to the chair of the new EEO section for use in implementing EEO programs at Division and Chapter levels.

[Signature]
On approximately May 1, 1991, at the request of Wayne Elmore and after a plea from Dave Burns, I accepted the Chairmanship of the Western Division Riparian Committee with gratitude from the former and to the relief of the latter.

Back in February, after talking with Wayne, Dave and Don Chase, two items were initiated:

1. A riparian session for the Western Division meeting in Bozeman;
2. The 1991 FS\BLM riparian challenge.

The riparian session is set up with five presentations plus a brand new riparian management video from BLM.

I solicited Nick Schmal, Medicine Bow National Forest, to be my co-chair on the challenge subcommittee. The challenge letter was sent to FS and BLM in late February. The challenge was restructured to reflect the number of projects and plans as well as the size, to give a chance for recognition to those offices that are doing a lot of work on the ground, acre by acre, but may not have the big bucks to do a large sexy project. Winners will be announced at the banquet in Bozeman.

With the stack of material recently handed down to me with the job, I have put together a list of the past riparian committee participants. Before July, I will get a letter out to each of those people soliciting ideas, suggestions and volunteers. As a newcomer, I am open to guidance and direction for the committee.

Contact me at work (307) 775-6100 or FTS 329-6100 or at home (307) 634-0463.

Mark W. Zenger
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
WESTERN DIVISION

NATIVE AMERICAN FISHERIES COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT

I have talked with Frank Halfmoon on several occasions and
have received a sizeable pile of paper from him. I now have all
the committee paper work and finances.

As you know, the Native American Fisheries Committee (NAFC)
was established a relatively short time, beginning in 1987. The
primary purpose of the original NAFC was to organize the Native
American Fisheries Symposium held during the 1989 Western
Division Meeting held in Seattle. This was indeed an ambitious
 undertaking for the newly formed NAFC. It is my understanding
that, with the exception of some miscommunication, all went well.

The purpose of the Symposium was to bring to the general
NAFC membership those important issues to Native American
Fisheries management. Topics discussed included:
   Indian Treaties and Federal Law,
   Tribal fishing rights: economic importance,
   Subsistence fisheries: cultural importance,
   Indian Water Rights,
   Tribal - Agency cooperation and
   Fishery Resource informational needs.

During 1989, the Committee considered publication of the
Symposium proceedings along with many of the papers that were
received but not presented. Unfortunately, publication charges
would have been too great and the Committee decided not to
publish. This was the last function of that Committee. Frank
has since retired, not only from his Chairmanship but also from
federal employment. His efforts and enthusiasm will surely be
missed by Western Division and we certainly wish him all the best
in his future pursuits.

I will be meeting with Lynn Starnes during our annual meeting
in Bozeman to go over Committee finances and presenting the
Division with a check for over $5,000.00 from the NAFC.

Now is the time to reform the Committee once again into a
functional part of Western Division. Native Americans of the
West are major land and resource holders. We have unique
resource decisions to deal with, but also share common management
decisions with our State and Federal counterparts. The Western
Division needs to be aware of what is happening in Indian Country
and function as a coordinator or lend assistance when
appropriate.
Kelly Meyer and myself, the Committee so far, have been busy organizing the session on Native American Fisheries this year for an upcoming meeting in Bozeman. We have put together an interesting and informative mix of topics. There will also be a Committee caucus held sometime during the meeting where we hope to formally organize membership and goals for 1991-1992.

WDAFS Native American Fisheries Committee

Tuesday, July 18 (morning): Concurrent Session 4.


State Perspectives: Bill Koss, Assistant Director, Washington Department of Fisheries and Pat Graham, Assistant Director, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Tribal Perspective: Dewey Schwalenberg, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society.


The Wind River Decision.
Dick Baldess, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority.
Jack Donaldson, Executive Secretary.


An Approach to Modelling the Hydraulics of Complex Islanded Channels of the Clearwater River of Idaho.
Edward Conner, EBASCO Environmental.
Assessment of Chinook Salmon Spawning Gravel Quality in the Clearwater River, Idaho.
Billy D. Arnsberg, Nez Perce Tribe.

Consequences of Spawning Habitat Selection by Mainstem Spawning Races of Chinook Salmon on Restoration Efforts in the Clearwater River of Idaho.

Section III: Technical Paper Presentations (continued).

Fisheries Management on Eastern Montana Indian Reservations.
Robbin Wagner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Expansion of Pyrimid Lake Shore Based Rearing Facilities.
Paul Wagner, Pyrimid Lake Fisheries.

Fisheries Management on the Flathead Indian Reservation.
Les Evarts, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Video Based Estimation of Pacific Salmon Escapement.
Doug Hatch, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.
Dave Burns, WDAFS President

Re: Annual Report, WDAFS Marine Fish Committee

Dear Dave,

The main activity for this year has been the reconstitution of this committee that had fallen into inactivity. Progress on the limited agenda for the year has been as follows.

1. Awards: One name has been submitted to the Awards Committee for an Award of Excellence.

2. Membership: Confirmation of a membership list was completed. This was developed from past members and limited solicitations. The individuals agreeing to be on the Committee indicated they had little free time for "activism" on behalf of the Committee. There also was significant confusion about where the Committee fits into the scheme of Chapter, Divisional and National activities. The comment: "what does the Marine Fish Committee do that is not already done by another group", was often asked. Some reflection about membership objectives and an agenda of activism is appropriate to ensure a clear expectation from the Committee and explicit "marching orders".

3. Panel presentations at the WDAFS Annual Meeting. A panel presentation on: INSTITUTIONAL INCENTIVE AND IMPEDIMENTS TO FISHERY DECISIONMAKING has been organized for the Annual meeting. Panel particulars are attached.

4. Miscellaneous. One letter was drafted for President Burns' signature regarding high seas drift net issues.
ABSTRACT FOR PANEL DISCUSSION ON:

INSTITUTIONAL INCENTIVES AND IMPEDIMENTS TO FISHERY DECISIONMAKING

by: Michael E. Fraidenburg - Fish Manager

"Don't be so damn naive."

That was the response to the first management plan I created, over twenty years ago. My plan was rejected and the job was handed to a "more experienced" manager. For the life of me, I didn't know why my supervisor reacted so strongly to the uniform criteria I had devised for beginning a commercial freshwater crayfish fishery in my region.

It was not a controversial issue. A new fishery was developing on unexploited stocks. Each lake had a single population so mixed-stock fisheries would not be a problem. The population dynamics were relatively simple and easily measured. Industry was cooperating. I had compiled all the historic harvest management data and done my homework on how to set up a new fishery. I interviewed the experts, used their advice and received their encouragement. And I had set up a cooperative program with industry. There would be a controlled expansion of the fishery in accord with conservation and wise-use principles.

The more experienced manager wrote a new plan. It inexplicably closed some lakes and left others open. I could not see a pattern to these decisions. Nor were the new criteria coherently related to the crayfish populations. When I advanced the rationality of my plan versus the new plan the response was: "Don't be so damn naive. That's the way the world works."

Apparently I didn't understand "...the way the world works." Do you?

Fishery management is a complex and often contradictory endeavor. It involves well understood scientific and procedural techniques combined with largely unacknowledged institutional dynamics. Was my experience unusual? Was it unexpected? Were the decisionmakers behaving rationally? Using case history analyses this panel will examine these and other intriguing questions about institutional dynamics of fishery management. We will articulate important questions about institutional incentives and impediments to fishery decisionmaking.
To: WDAFS Marine Fish Committee
Subject: Equal Opportunity Committee

The National AFS has approved creation of a new Equal Opportunity (EEO) Section. For your information background materials are attached. We have been asked if we would like to have one of our Committee be appointed to this new EEO Section. The purpose of this letter is to see if any of you have an interest in being our "contact" for this new Section. If you have an interest in this issue I encourage you to volunteer. Just let me know and we will have you designated as our contact. It should prove to be an interesting experiment and assignment. If you have follow-up questions you might call Dave Burns (WDAFS President) at 208-634-1432.

Cheers!

Mike.
JUN 14 1991

Dave Burns
Forest Service
C&I Department of Agriculture
Sawtooth National Forest
P.O. Box 321, Idaho 83638

Dear Dave:

I received your latest set of receipts and the check for deposit along with the May statement from the bank. Rather than change the totals, I am going to go with the totals as I originally ran them.

According to Don Chase, the total in the Washington Mutual Flex Fund II account is $12,176.94 as of April 30, 1991.

The balance in the Mountain America Credit Union checking account is $8,323.39 as of May 31, 1991. When I sat down to consolidate statements, checks, and receipts, I discovered that the January statement is missing as are the records for the checks from that statement. I was changing addresses at that time so will need to do some checking. Other than that month, most the documentation with the checks looks excellent.

Thanks for all the help.

Sincerely,

Lynn B. Starnes
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Western Division  
American Fisheries Society  
Proposed 1991-92 Budget  
June 19, 1991 version

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Reserves

Held for Native American Fisheries Committee Publication | $5,000

Held for Habitat Glossary Publication | $2,000

Misc. reserves                   | $10,000
FROM: David C. Burns, President  
Western Division, APS

TO: APS Executive Committee

DATE: August 12, 1991

RE: 1991 Annual Report

ACTION ITEMS:

The Division moves that the Society support the California-Nevada Chapter's petition under provisions of the Endangered Species Act, for the delta smelt (Hypomesus transpacificus); this support would take the form of a letter to the Secretary of Interior and the Director of the California Fish and Game. The Division has worked with the California-Nevada Chapter to prepare a draft letter for the signature of the Executive Director or President of the Society. We will provide a copy upon request at this meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Chapter Highlights

Chapters of the year are the North Pacific International Chapter and the California Nevada Chapter. They were awarded for exemplary participation in the Sibling Chapter Program, an inter-Chapter information sharing effort. North Pacific International has diligently worked on Canadian relations and a multi-Chapter and agency sponsored film on effects of aquatic oil spills. California-Nevada has taken an aggressive role with the delta smelt and continuing education workshops.

Most Chapters were represented at the Division's annual meeting in Bozeman, Montana. Representatives in some capacity included Gary Sanders (Alaska), Sue Morgensen (Arizona-New Mexico), Bob Spateholts (Bonneville), Don Erman (California-Nevada), Tom Nesler (Colorado-Wyoming), Bill Devick (Hawaii), Soyka Dobush (Humbolt), Al Van Vooren (Idaho), Chris Hunter (Montana), Pete Bisson (North Pacific International), Dan Bottom (Oregon), and David Cannon (University of Wyoming). Inactive Chapters included Colorado State University, Portland and New Mexico State University.
A retreat at the annual meeting produced several action items which Don Chase can implement during the coming year. Actions resulting from the business meeting included:
- Support for California-Nevada's petition regarding the delta smelt,
- Continued support of a motion by Idaho for involvement in the Columbia River petitioning processes,
- Passage of an Idaho resolution on riparian area management,
- Passage of an Oregon Chapter resolution on the status of bull trout,
- Approval of $1000 for the North Pacific International's oil spill film,
- Approval of North Pacific International's motion to donate $100 to a genetics study of Siouxon Creek.

Three Chapters, Alaska, Hawaii and Oregon, have expressed continuing interest in developing a local Chapter of F.I.S.H.

Chapters continued a wide variety of actions in support of the Society's mission. Their annual reports were individually sent to the Society President, President-Elect and Executive Director. Copies are available from the Division Secretary, Lynn Starnes.

Committee Highlights

Committee Chairs, except two, were present at the Division's annual meeting. They are Don Chase (Program), Glenn Phillips (Time and Place, 89-90 Audit, Membership), Cay Goude (Awards, Nominations), Randy Bailey (Environmental Concerns), Dennis Tol (Resolutions), Jerry Burton (Threatened and Endangered Species), Pete Bisson (Habitat Inventory), Susan Martin (Public Affairs), Ken Hashagen (Equal Opportunity), Mark Gorges (Riparian), Joe DosSantos (Native American Fisheries), and Mike Fraidenburg (Marine Fisheries). Other Committee Chairs are Roger Ovink (Newsletter Editor) and John Leppink (90-91 Audit).

At the Division's annual meeting actions included:
- Adoption of a resolution on Missouri River studies,
- Adoption of a motion to limit Division checking to one account, require written and computer ledgers and better receipt maintenance,
- Acceptance of an annual riparian challenge,
- Passage of a motion to make available free a 1982 riparian Best Management Practices book,
- Approval of $500 for a publication by the Native American Fisheries Committee to deal with religious and cultural significance of fisheries,
- Approval of $100 for the Division to become an affiliate of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society,
- Approval of a $250 donation to the "Mexican" reception in San Antonio,
- Creation of an ad-hoc Committee to examine federal aid to Native American fisheries programs,
- Approval of a joint meeting in 1993 in California with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies,
- Approval to publish a mail ballot for By-laws amendments for a two year Secretary-Treasurers term and a standing Environmental Concerns Committee.

At the annual meeting the Division presented riparian challenge awards to Bill Baker for the Wells Resource Area and Elko District Office of the Bureau of Land Management and Dan Rathbun for the Nevada State Office. Awards for the Forest Service were presented to Don Gray for the Lowell Ranger District, Gary Heath for the Medicine Bow National Forest and Karl Stein for the Pacific Northwest Region.

The Robert L. Borovicha, Conservation Achievement Awards, for individual non-AFS member actions, were presented to Don Sampson of the Umatilla Reservation and Ron Stellingwerf for his work on the Sheridan Ranger District. Conservation Achievement Awards were presented to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes for their work on sockeye salmon under the Endangered Species Act, Oregon Trout for their work on chinook salmon under the Endangered Species Act, and the Salish Kootenai Tribes for their fisheries program, especially their work on instream flow protection.

Awards of Special Recognition were presented to the Montana Chapter for hosting the 1991 meeting and the Payette National Forest for its support of the Division. Division Awards of Merit were presented to Brad Shepard for his land management involvement, Greg Kindsvich for his membership efforts, Roger Ovink for the Tributary, Susan Broderick for spearheading petition development for the sockeye, Bill Bakke for spearheading petition development for the chinook, Holland Schmitt for his response and public involvement with various Endangered Species Act petitions, Chuck Knutson for his contributions to continuing education, and Ken Hashagen for his contributions to continuing education. The Student Paper award was presented to Kathy Cousins.

Awards of Excellence were presented to Richard Shomura for his varied contributions to marine fisheries science, Frank Halfmoon for a career of contributions to developing professional Native American fisheries management, and Peter Moyle for his research and application of fish ecology.

Other Division activities during the year included comments on wetlands, mining law reform, endangered species regulations, National Forest Management Act regulations, and acknowledging other contributions to the profession. The Division donated $2000 to the building fund in Carl Sullivan's honor at his retirement and $1000 to the "Sully" in his memory. The Division also acknowledged several other agency employees and politicians over the course of the year with letters. Copies of documents were provided to the Society.
President, President-Elect and Executive Director. A complete summary of correspondence prior to the Division's annual meeting can be found in the President's report to that meeting; it is available from the Division Secretary, Lynn Starnes.

Other Activities

The Division nominally co-sponsored the Warm Water Symposium and a symposium at the Pacific Science Congress.

The Division would like to thank all of those contributors who made the last year productive.