

## **2000 Mid-year Report**

**TO:** Christine Moffitt, AFS President

**FROM:** Ken Hashagen, President, Western Division

**SUBJECT:** 2000 Midyear Report to the Governing Board

**Action Requested:** None

**Recommended Motion:** None

**Unit Program of Work:** Not Applicable

**Background:** Not Applicable

**Accomplishments:** The Division President established a program of work for the year:

(1) A Certification Challenge to the Chapters. The Certification Challenge is alive and well. A minimum of three Western Division chapters had to participate before the Challenge was a "go". To date, three chapters (Alaska, Cal-Neva, and the Colorado-Wyoming) have agreed to participate in the Challenge. Others are still welcome. The winning Chapters will receive recognition in the Division newsletter/web page and the names of all who receive certification during the Challenge will be entered into a drawing for an all-expenses paid trip to the Division Annual Meeting in Telluride CO.

(2) Increase/improve communication between the chapters and the Division. This goal is being met. The Executive Committee, which includes the officers of the Division and the chapter presidents, has been holding conference calls every month or six weeks,. We have been averaging about 15 folks for each call - about 4 or 5 officers and the remainder chapter presidents and an occasional committee chair. Ken Hashagen (President) attended the Alaska Chapter meeting, Eric Knudsen (Vice President) attended the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter meeting, representing the Division. Hashagen will attend the Cal-Neva meeting in March. Although invited, none of the officers was able to attend the Oregon Chapter meeting in February.

(3) Develop a strategic plan for the Division. This goal has met with abject failure. Hashagen has been unable to interest anyone at the Excom or Chapter level, so maybe the time is not right for this one.

(4) Assist the Chapters. Several chapters have taken me up on the Division's goal of attempting to assist the Chapters. Requests for assistance have been in the form of grant requests, which will be addressed at our next conference call on February 23.

(5) Increase Student Membership and Retention. This goal is being addressed through an active program directed by Eric Knudsen. Both California and Alaska chapters have active programs addressing this goal this year.

Additionally, Allen Bingham has done a great job of keeping our web page up to date, as Paul Evans has done with our newsletter, The Tributary. Mary Lou Keefe is the new chair of

our EEO Committee and Shelley Spalding is making good progress with the Bull Trout Committee. Bob Wunderlich has agreed to chair the Environmental Concerns Committee and has put together a review committee to review the Plum Creek EIR. The Division has also provided the names of three fisheries scientists to participate in a review of the Forests and Fish Report in Washington. The annual Division meeting (Telluride, Colorado this year, July 16 - 19) is on schedule and moving forward smoothly through the efforts of Bill Bradshaw (President-Elect) and Sherman Hebein (Arrangements Chair).

Three chapters (Alaska, Greater Portland, and Cal-Neva) provided input for the Mid Year Report by the deadline. Their material is appended to the Division's report as appendices.

**Minority View:** Not Applicable

**Funding Source:** Not Applicable