

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
WESTERN DIVISION, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

Lewis E. Garlick, Secretary

June 7, 8, and 9, 1956

The Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, following a pattern established in past years, met in conjunction with the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners at Vancouver, British Columbia on June 7, 8, and 9, 1956. Approximately 30 members were in attendance. The smaller attendance than has been experienced at previous meeting was due to an increasing difficulty in obtaining travel authorizations for technical workers in the various conservation organizations.

Also, according to past practice, the Western Division of the Society prepared the fisheries' technical sessions for the two groups. The technical sessions were of excellent quality and were well attended by members of the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners as well as members of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society.

The new officers installed during the business session were as follows:

Chairman	Walter M. Allen, Montana Department of Fish and Game
Vice-Chairman	Lewis E. Garlick, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon
Secretary-Treasurer	H. R. Newcomb, Cooperative Wildlife Unit, Oregon State College

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. J. H. Rayner at 8:00 P. M., June 7, 1956 at the Georgia Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia. Approximately 20 persons attended the business meeting.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The books of the Western Division indicate a balance of \$97.28, with expenditures of \$13.27 for the year for postage. In view of the satisfactory balance, it was moved and seconded that no registration fee be charged at this meeting.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the books of the Secretary-Treasurer and found the accounts to be in order.

A general discussion was held regarding the future of the Western Division. Many of the people in attendance were of the opinion that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society was not given the proper recognition by the Western Association of Game and Fish Commissioners. It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to work with the Association of Game and Fish Commissioners to accomplish greater recognition of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society.

Dr. Harkness reported on the program for the coming Toronto meeting.

The Resolutions Committee introduced several resolutions, copies of these resolutions and actions in connection therewith are attached.

An expression of thanks was issued to our hosts of British Columbia for their excellent cooperation and fine hospitality during our meeting.

The Nominating Committee introduced a slate of officers as follows:

Chairman	Walter M. Allen
Vice-Chairman	Lewis R. Garlick
Secretary-Treasurer	H. R. Newcomb

This slate of officers was elected by unanimous ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis R. Garlick
Secretary-Treasurer

June 7-8-9, 1956
RESOLUTION I

WHEREAS, a combination of shrinking stream fishing areas and record increases in angling pressure everywhere in the West has made it necessary that new areas be opened to relieve the present situation and

WHEREAS, there are many federal, state and city holding reservoirs above filtration and treatment plants that are now closed to angling, and

WHEREAS, no public health problems are involved because the water delivered from these holding reservoirs is both filtered and treated prior to domestic and industrial usage, and

WHEREAS, most reservoirs now closed to fishing are accessible to large urban centers of population and could furnish a great expansion of angling areas, and

WHEREAS, many municipalities such as San Diego, New York, Boston, and Los Angeles have found it profitable and safe to permit public fishing in such waters, under properly controlled conditions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division, American Fisheries Society, at its annual convention held in Vancouver, B. C. on June 7, 8 and 9, 1956, do go on record urging all interested agencies to develop suitable plans for the implementation of angling in the waters under their control,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of

this resolution be transmitted for consideration and action by
the parent body.

NOTE: Resolution adopted.

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RESOLUTION II

WHEREAS, there exists at the present time in the United States a widespread need for additional fundamental knowledge pertaining to fisheries investigational and management methods and practices, and

WHEREAS, the basic research required to accumulate and evaluate all of the needed facts in such fields as the chemical treatment of waters for purposes of fish population manipulation and the improvement of game-fish broodstocks is generally beyond the scope of the facilities available to the individual states, and

WHEREAS, this fundamental knowledge, once acquired, would be of inestimable benefit not only to the individual states, but also to the United States as a whole and to fisheries in general,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society request and encourage the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to continue and when necessary expand its basic research programs in fields of common concern and interest to the various states.

NOTE: Resolution adopted.

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RESOLUTION III

WHEREAS, the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation has indicated its intention of making wholesale use of certain monomolecular layers of various organic compounds on western reservoirs for the purpose of preventing water evaporation, and

WHEREAS, the use of many such compounds such as cetyl alcohol and similar films is bound to have seriously detrimental effects upon the fisheries of the reservoirs concerned, and

WHEREAS, detrimental effects to the fisheries are apt to destroy one of the multiple uses that was used in justifying the construction projects which created many western reservoirs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society does hereby object to any program of using such compounds on large western reservoirs until every effort is made to determine their detrimental effects on fish, wildlife, and all aquatic plants and animals; that no such compounds found to be detrimental shall be used, and that the State Game and Fish Commission concerned be notified by the Bureau of Reclamation of any proposed uses of such compounds on public fishing waters prior to their use on either an applied or experimental basis.

NOTE: Resolution adopted.

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RESOLUTION IV

WHEREAS, there have been introduced in Congress bills (H. R. 10183 and S. 3467) which authorize the Shoshone and Arapahoe Indian tribes of Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming to convey to the United States certain lands required for the dam site and reservoir of Anchor Dam on the South Fork of Owl Creek, and

WHEREAS, one of the provisions of this authorization is that "The members of the Shoshone and Arapahoe tribes shall have the right to fish on the lake created by Anchor Dam as if it were within the exterior bounds of the Wind River Indian Reservation", and

WHEREAS, this would mean that under the interpretation of existing laws and treaty provisions that the Indian fishermen would not be required to have a Wyoming fishing license, that non-Indian fishermen could make no use of the reservoir and that the reservation boundary would actually be extended beyond its original location, and

WHEREAS, the passage of these bills by Congress would result in setting a dangerous precedent, would not create proper use of a reservoir made possible by the expenditure of public funds, would create fishing privileges for a group not prepared to utilize them, while depriving another group who would, and would put

Congress in the position of acting on a matter which should properly be a subject for negotiation and agreement between the tribes concerned and the State of Wyoming, through its Game and Fish Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society urge both Houses of Congress to kill this bill, and that the State involved in this or any similar instance be permitted to carry out the prerogatives vested in it as the legal guardian under State ownership and management of the fish and wildlife concerned.

NOTE: Resolution tabled.

WHEREAS, the expression of the members assembled was favorable and sympathetic to this problem, it was felt that time did not permit the handling of this resolution through the parent body prior to action by Congress.