

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
WESTERN DIVISION MEETING

June 9 to 11, 1963
Tucson, Arizona

The Western Division meeting was held June 9 through 11, 1963, at Tucson, Arizona. President Don Andriano, Utah, presided over the business meeting.

Edward Schenberger pointed out to Western Division members some of the problems confronting the Society and possible solutions. Although the Society is a solid and good organization, he believes that the over-all operation could be improved by adopting certain procedures, among which were employing a full-time Secretary-Treasurer, increasing the number in the Nominating Committee to seven, making the Editor a member of the Executive Committee, and electing offices by mail ballot. The latter was submitted by the Western Division Resolutions Committee and passed by unanimous vote at the business meeting.

Second Vice President George Eicher gave a report on local chapters. New local chapters are being formed throughout the various divisions. In many instances the formation of local chapters has afforded academic and conservation organizations an opportunity to discuss fishery problems. The pattern for local chapter meetings has varied but it appears that most chapters will have an annual meeting where all state organizations can attend.

A report by the Membership Committee chairman showed that the Western Division has approximately 630 members.

Among the resolutions passed were several concerning certification for the use of therapeutic drugs in fish food and authorization for the use of certain chemicals in fish eradication programs. Western Division members recommended further federal investigations regarding the use of chemicals in rehabilitation programs.

New officers elected were Wayne Seaman, President; Robert Meigs, Vice President; and Fred Locke, Secretary-Treasurer.

Fred E. Locke (c)
Fred E. Locke, Secretary-Treasurer
Western Division

June 1963

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Presented and Approved at
the
WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

WHEREAS, systemic diseases occur in fish under fish cultural conditions; and,

WHEREAS, certain therapeutic drugs may be used to eliminate or control these diseases when employed as food additives; and,

WHEREAS, no systemic therapeutic drug needed for treatment of said fish diseases has been cleared through the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Division of the Food and Drug Administration) for use as food additives except sulfamerazine which has an impractical and very limited clearance; and,

WHEREAS, the restriction on the use of therapeutic drugs as fish medicants is causing a serious problem to state, Federal, and private fish growers; and,

WHEREAS, a committee has been appointed by the American Fisheries Society to determine the best approach for clearing needed therapeutic drugs as food additives; and,

WHEREAS, said committee has contacted the Food and Drug Administration for assistance in the clearance of these drugs; and,

WHEREAS, the methods of clearance of these drugs as food additives has been determined as follows:

1. Clearance as "Experimental Drugs" as a means of procuring much needed data on efficacy, tissue residues, rate of elimination, toxicity, pathology produced, etc. under varying conditions of water quality, water temperature, hatchery practices, with various species of fish, etc. without the need for disposal of any and all fish receiving a drug which has not been cleared.

2. Use of accumulated data collected under the "Experimental Drugs" clearance for final clearance of the drug as a food additive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society request that the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the states take the following action to accelerate the clearance of these much needed therapeutic agents:

1. That the Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife initiate an active program at both their research stations and laboratory facilities aimed at obtaining the research data necessary to provide "Experimental Drug" clearance and final clearance on the most used therapeutic compounds.
2. That the states, who have laboratory as well as production facilities available, set up an immediate program to assist in the collection of data needed for final clearance as food additives of the most used therapeutic compounds.
3. That the committee of the American Fisheries Society, on the use of therapeutic drugs, serve to coordinate the activities of the states and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in this effort to obtain drug clearance. Further, that this committee when they feel sufficient data has been collected, initiate the action to obtain clearance of the drug as desired.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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(Restriction on the Use of Federal Aid Funds for
Fish Eradication)

WHEREAS, the natural production of game fish is often influenced
by competition from nongame species; and,

WHEREAS, the use of chemicals is a proven means of eliminating undesirable
fish and enhancing the production of game fish; and,

WHEREAS, the responsibility for the fishery management of waters
within state boundaries is a prerogative and responsibility of the states; and,

WHEREAS, the states have considered the fish, wildlife, and public
health aspects of fish control programs; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, through Amendment No. 164.6
to the Federal Aid in the Fish and Wildlife Restoration Manual, has placed
restrictions on the use of Federal funds for fish rehabilitation programs by
requiring investigations of unrealistic proportion to justify and evaluate said
programs; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service took this action without
consultation with the states,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American
Fisheries Society petitions the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reconsider
Amendment No. 164.6 to the Federal Aid Manual and work with the states to
draft a regulation agreeable to all parties concerned.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

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WHEREAS, the pressure of modern day sport fishing is such that all productive waters must be utilized to their utmost capacity; and,

WHEREAS, maximum production of desirable fish is dependent upon control of competitive, undesirable species; and,

WHEREAS, there is need for acceptable, inexpensive, effective and practical chemicals for control of undesirable species of fish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service be requested to accelerate their research using their resource of scientists and experimental facilities for immediate work directed at developing effective and inexpensive pesticides that meet with acceptable standards.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 1/

WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society is an international organization with a large and diverse membership, only a small part of whom can expect to attend any given annual meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the present method of electing the officers of the Society by those in attendance at the annual business meeting permits only a small part of the membership to vote for these officers, thus depriving the officers of a clear-cut mandate from their constituents; and,

WHEREAS, such an election procedure deprives many members of the Society of the privilege of voting for their officers and is thus at variance with our American ideals of democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the American Fisheries Society be requested to initiate action to change the constitution and By-laws of the Society to permit the election of officers by a mail ballot.

- 1./ Past previously by the North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society at their annual meeting at Hotel Fort Des Moines, December 4, 1962.