

Western Division of A. F. S.

San Francisco, July 5, 1964

(39 present)

3:00 p.m. meeting called to order by Wayne Seaman, President.

George Eicher was introduced as first Vice-President of the AFS. Discussed local chapters, membership (trying desperately to reach 3000 this year), and have about 100 to go to reach goal.

Looking for industry support financially. Looking for someone prominent in industry to go for it and let us use his name. Wildlife Society financed their Executive Secretary this way.

Insurance problem settled---if more people sign up for insurance, rates will improve.

National will meet in Atlantic City this year and in Portland in 1965.

More on membership. Built up a great deal recent years. Even some from Iron Curtain countries. One Japanese joined and took out insurance. Very International.

Campbell read 1963 minutes. Approved as read.

Seaman stated that we now have 622 members in the Western Division.

Mail ballot for national offices was passed last year.

Also 7-man nominating committee so now we have to elect a man for nominating committee.

Committee Reports:

Recognize Calhoun as program committee. He introduced Bill Peck as member (only other present)..

Norman Chamberlain - Gave Pollution Committee Report.

First contribution of committee, completed--Roster of personnel working on water pollution problems in Western United States.

Responses received. Some not in favor. Some fractional need and information came in various forms.

I leave it up to President whether Committee should continue or be disbanded.

Seaman--Large Committee--19 members well scattered. Main operation may well be best.

Andriano for audit committee. Books O.K. but no receipts for expenditures. Report adopted.

Seaman passed around news letters from other Divisions. He feels this is a good thing and we may be amiss in not doing something about it. It takes money.

Such things mean a great deal to those who do not attend the meetings.

I would take some time or the part of editor and someone to feed him information from the states.

Fees. Had been agreed we will charge the maximum permissible regular fee of \$2.00 and divide it with California-Nevada Chapter.

Membership-not special committee this year. Local chapter helping it grow.

Resolutions - Tanner not here. Wes Nelson substituting for him. Reganthal and other members present.

Had passed out the two resolutions submitted and Nelson had one more. Also topics submitted by Peck.

Read Reganthal's - Thanking California for work hosting meeting.

Meigs moved Andrian Second.

Unanimously passed. Get copy from Nelson.

Beals - Discussion. Beal said self-explanatory. Spoke in support. Question as to whether it meant just wildlife values or recreation. Johnson said F & W tried to get them raised with no luck. That it might be good to go on record in favor of a change.

Andriano spoke in favor of resolution but moved to delete last paragraph and approve.

Fred Beal seconded.

Passed unanimously.

BCF resolution.

Chuck Campbell explained why it was submitted. Would have done so which ever position had been taken.

Bill Peck spoke on subject. Large financial stake in Columbia River anadromous fish. Statement did not say take fish management away from state agencies.

Nelson read copy of Hutchinson's statement.

Meigs spoke on the basic philosophy implied in the resolution. Believes it does have political implications and F & W not supposed to get into it, were out of line. First time they've tried to influence management this way and far it is to go.

Someone asked if the Oregon Fish Commission took position of this initiative. Schoning responded. Took position against resolution again.

Roedel from California cold on question but feels that FWS may have been derelict, in not pointing out their stand.

Vote for Resolution.
20 - in favor of Resolution.
13 - against Resolution
Carried by a majority vote.

President Seaman called for nominations for our member on AFS Nomination Committee.

Millenback nominated Meigs. Move to close but President says Meigs is on Executive Committee.

Roedel nominated - by Jensen

Eiserman nominated - by Fred Beal

Nominations closed.

Roedel 19 raise hands vote

Eiserman 16

Report of Nomination Committee.

Jim Simpson

Had numerous applications due to generous expense account of officers.

President - Meigs
Vice President - Locke
Secretary-Treasurer - Cuplin

Andriano made the Railroad motion.

Unanimously adopted.

Meigs took podium.

Outgoing President was commended for his fine work.

Bob Meigs got motion to adjourn.

SUBMITTED BY: Fred R. Beal
State Fish Warden
Game & Fish Commission
State of Wyoming

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a panel of the Committee on Evaluation Standards of the Inter-Agency Committee on Water Resources has developed a schedule of values for recreation aspects of fish and wildlife, reducing by several hundred per cent values heretofore placed on hunting and fishing for some River Basin projects by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the panel of the I.C.W.R. Recreation Committee included no representation from private industry, interested professional societies or groups, or state agencies¹, and

WHEREAS, a schedule of values established on October 27, 1959, was associated with hunting and fishing values only, and is, and has had serious adverse impact on existing and proposed fish and wildlife projects associated with water development projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the American Fisheries Society that the directive be withdrawn requiring the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to use this schedule of hunting and fishing values proposed by the above panel in assigning values to hunting and fishing under the River Basin projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each project must be assessed on its own merit with full consideration given to location, proximity to population centers, other similar water recreational facilities, and other influencing factors, and

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an accurate assessment of recreational benefits cannot be assigned to any proposed project by using only hunting and fishing values.~~ *omitted*

¹ Membership of the panel as follows:

Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior
National Park Service, Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior
Forest Service, Department of Agriculture
Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture
Civil Works, Office of Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army
Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare

SUBMITTED BY: C. J. Campbell
Chief of Operations
Fishery Division
Oregon State Game Commission

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Columbia River supports runs of anadromous fish, and

WHEREAS, these runs are now taken by both sport and commercial fisheries, and

WHEREAS, the management of these fish is vested in the states in which they are found, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the states to determine how their fishery resources are to be managed and utilized, and

WHEREAS, there is an initiative petition in Oregon to prohibit commercial fishing in the Columbia, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued a statement taking a position against this initiative,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society in convention assembled this 5th day of July, 1964, that the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries exceeded its responsibility in volunteering such a statement for distribution in Oregon,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service be requested to refrain from any similar action in the future.

