

23rd ANNUAL MEETING
WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

July 21, 1971
WILDWOOD INN, SNOWMASS-AT-ASPEN, COLORADO

Meeting was called to order by President Paul Cuplin at 1:05 p.m. The 32 members present constituted a quorum. President Cuplin extended a special welcome to National President, Bob Jenkins; First Vice-President, Chuck Campbell; and Executive Secretary, Dr. Robert Hutton. Recognition was given to Program Chairman, Wayne Seaman; Arrangements Chairman, George Post and our host, Colorado Game, Fish and Parks Division.

President's Address

President Cuplin gave a short, informal address on the progress made in Chapters. Special recognition was given to the Oregon Chapter for its activities and publication of Crisis in Oregon Estuaries, edited by Bill Wick. President Cuplin reported briefly on his activities.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The Division, just prior to this meeting, had a net balance of \$183.41. A total of 78 members registered at this meeting and paid \$78.00 dues. This increases our balance to \$261.41. A bill of \$40.00 will be forthcoming for a meritorious award plaque.

At the Secretary-Treasurer's request, Dr. Hutton explained the need for Divisions and Chapters to obtain tax exemption status as provided by Internal Revenue Service regulations. The Parent Society will take care of this if requested to do so. President Cuplin has already sent a letter of request on behalf of the Division. The Secretary-Treasurer will contact each Chapter in the Western Division to ask their desire.

President Cuplin asked that the minutes of last years meeting be read. Since copies were distributed and made available for review as members entered this business meeting, George Eicher moved that the reading be dispensed with. Seconded by Art Whitney and passed.

Informal Reports by National (AFS) Officials

Bob Jenkins complimented Division on the program at this meeting and briefly discussed value of Ad Hoc Committees. He advised the American Fisheries Society needs a new Editor and discussed the need for a raise in dues. Only one-third of the \$300,000 AFS budget is from dues. He extended an invitation to the AFS meeting at Salt Lake City this September.

Chuck Campbell mentioned that the business meeting for once was being held at a convenient time. He talked of the importance of retaining old members while recruiting new ones. Modest gains in membership were made during the past year.

Dr. Hutton talked briefly on sales of special publications and centennial medals and then asked for questions. As a result, there were discussions on the time required for processing applications for certification, on our continuing to meet with the International Game and Fish Commissioners and selection of meeting places, on unsuccessful efforts to have AFS centennial commemorative postage stamp issued, and on the number of centennial medals still on hand. During the question-answer session, John Skinner expressed the opinion that professional societies are losing members due to their failure to become involved in environmental issues such as the Sierra Clubs and similar organizations do. There was considerable discussion by Dr. Hutton and members of the audience including Tom Kimball, Executive Director of National Wildlife Federation.

National AFS Arrangements Committee Report

Don Andriano, Chairman - Report given on program, field trip, etc., scheduled for meeting at Salt Lake City, Utah this fall.

Time and Place Committee Report

Wendell Smith, Chairman - Next Western Division meeting will be held during third week in July 1972 at Portland, Oregon.

Membership Committee Report

Bud Bassett, Chairman - Comments made on recruiting state chairmen.

As Dick Woodworth was now present, President Cuplin gave him the floor so he could ask assistance on a possible water pollution problem. Dick advised that the Bureau of Mines had requested an evaluation of the pollution potential if known mercury deposits are inundated in a Bureau of Reclamation project in Evans Valley near Medford, Oregon. A limited discussion followed.

Water Quality Committee Report

John Peters, Chairman - Committee has just been formed.

Audit Committee Report

Rod Stone, Chairman - Rod advised the Division financial records are in good order and moved they be approved. Seconded by Art Whitney and carried.

Certification Committee Report

Dick Pressey, Chairman - See attached report.

Awards Committee Report

Cliff Millenbach, Chairman - Report given on nature of special award, criteria for selection of recipient and composition of Awards Committee - see attached. Alex Calhoun was selected as the first recipient (at the banquet on the evening of July 21 the plaque was presented to G. Ray Arnett, Director of California Fish and Game Department. He will take it to Alex Calhoun who was absent).

Resolutions Committee Report

Ralph Larson, Chairman, advised that a resolution on fish diseases was returned to its sponsors with the suggestion that other coldwater species be included in the resolution as well as salmon. This resolution was not considered at this time. Ralph moved the following resolutions be passed:

Resolution 1 (attached) Commending the Department of Interior and Officials of U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Seconded by Cliff Millenbach. Passed.

Resolution 2 (attached) Foreign Tropical Fish Introduction

Seconded by Chuck Campbell. In discussing this resolution, John Skinner advised exotic fishes may be introduced when water carried as ballast on foreign ships is released. It is suspected that Japanese gobies and two species of eels have been introduced into San Francisco Bay in this manner. Resolution was passed as originally written.

Resolution 3 (attached) Public Land Law

Seconded by Don Andriano. Passed.

Ralph suggested that future Resolutions Committees be loaned a notebook containing copies of all past resolutions (or at least those for past five years) for reference. This will enable committee to determine if previous action has been taken on a resolution under consideration. President Cuplin requested that the Secretary-Treasurer implement this.

Nominating Committee Report

Committee consisted of Alex McRea, Chairman, Bill Alvord, Ernie Salo, Ron Thomas and Leon Murphy. It nominated:

for President-Elect:	Ralph Larson Dean Marriage
for Secretary-Treasurer:	George Holton
for Western Division Representative to National Nominating Committee:	Cliff Millenbach Fred Eiserman

Election

The following officers were elected and installed:

Art Whitney, President (he was elected President-Elect last year)
Ralph Larson, President-Elect
George Holton, Secretary-Treasurer
Cliff Millenbach, Western Division Representative to National Nominating Committee

Art Whitney made a short acceptance speech.

Plaque Presentation

Chuck Campbell presented the Past President's plaque to outgoing President, Paul Cuplin.

President Whitney made the following chairman assignments:

Dick Pressey - Program
Chuck Campbell - Arrangements
Don Andriano - Bylaws Revision

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

George D. Holton
Secretary-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 1 ADOPTED BY WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY ,

July 21, 1971

COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
AND
OFFICIALS OF U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society, assembled in annual convention in New York City, New York, September 13-16, 1970, adopted Resolution No. 1 entitled, "Analysis of the Fish and Wildlife Role in Water Resources Development"; and

WHEREAS, said resolution requested the Secretary of the Interior to direct the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to initiate a comprehensive review and evaluation of those programs, policies and procedures affecting the inclusion of fish and wildlife in federally financed or regulated water development; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service did in fact cooperatively plan and initiate a program to comply with the intent of said resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Service sponsored a National Symposium on October 5-7, 1970, which brought together representatives of nearly every state and major conservation organization in the nation for the aforesaid purpose and did also implement a regional workshop for the twelve western states on December 7-10, 1970 in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Symposium and Workshop sessions were highly successful in identifying many of the problems and potential solutions, aiding State-Federal relations, and affirmed the need for increased efforts in this specialized activity; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly evident that this effort should be continued and should include the federal water development and regulatory agencies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society commend the Department of Interior for its prompt action in this matter, and, in particular, the Steering Committee and those officials of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the branch of River Basin Studies who directly implemented the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society request that the review and evaluation process be pursued diligently to the development of sound recommendations for the promulgation of effective programs, policies and procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to the heads of all state fish and wildlife agencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 ADOPTED BY WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

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PUBLIC LAND LAW

WHEREAS, the Public Land Law Review Commission has released their report entitled, "One Third of the Nation's Land" in June 1970; and

WHEREAS, the report is voluminous and requires considerable study and thus, time; and

WHEREAS, a number of recommendations in the report are of deep concern to fisheries scientists and may have a serious impact on the fisheries resources; and

WHEREAS, a number of Federal bills are forthcoming as a result of the Public Land Law Review Commission report; and

WHEREAS, time will be of essence in providing views relative to the various bills which will be introduced; and

WHEREAS, the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society does not have the machinery within its administrative procedures to establish its policies and positions without a rather laborious contact with its respective members,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society appoint an Ad Hoc Committee representative of the various fishery interests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee study the various future bills pertaining to public lands and recommend to the Executive Committee a position for the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society in regard to this legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 ADOPTED BY WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

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FOREIGN TROPICAL FISH INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, the introduction of foreign tropical fish into the United States is rapidly growing; for example, during the month ending February 23, 1971, over 4 million individual tropical fish shipped in over 100,000 gallons of water entered the northwest ports alone; and

WHEREAS, these fish and the water they are transported in are a potential source of biological contamination because the fish are not examined for disease and the water is of questionable purity; and

WHEREAS, these fish end up in homes and our natural waters, posing a possible threat to the person handling the fish and our native fish; and

WHEREAS, there are already several federal and state government agencies preventing entry of dangerous or questionable plants and animal matter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society urge the Secretary of Interior to initiate and coordinate studies between fish disease experts and the public health authorities to determine if the growing volume of live fish importation, especially tropical fish, does or does not constitute a source of potentially dangerous biological contamination.

Certification Survey
Western Division
American Fisheries Society - 1971

At the request of President Paul Cuplin a sample survey was made of the membership regarding their views of the Professional Certification Program of the parent society.

Members collecting data were:

Monte Richards
Charles Woelke
Kenneth Thorsan
Robert Thompson
Roy Banner
William Pitney

The results of the poll probably could not stand a critical statistical test for validity as the sample was highly stratified to the membership in the Northwest.

Three basic questions were asked: 1. Are you certified? 2. If not, why not? 3. What are your views of the certification program?

These questions were submitted to 88 members with professional backgrounds with the following results:

Questioned 88 Certified - 15 (or approximately 17%)

Reasons for not being certified

- 17 (or approximately 19%) had no interest in certification.
- 11 (or approximately 12.5%) plan to apply for certification.
- 13 (or approximately 15%) had no comment pro or con.
- 32 (or approximately 36%) had complaints on procedures prescribed for certification.

criticisms were varied from the complex application form, cost, time required, etc., but the two following comments prevailed and were expressed even by several certified members.

1. The required academic subjects were criticized rather vociferously by a number of members of long tenure as professional fisheries scientists, but could not qualify academically. It was their opinion that years of experience in their profession should be given some consideration for substitution of specific academic subjects. The mathematics requirement was the main target of complaint, as in the past few colleges required mathematics for a degree in the biological sciences. Some of these critics could not have qualified under the "grandfather clause" as they recently joined the society.
2. A great deal of criticism was directed toward requiring the submission of college transcripts. A number of members had not applied because they had attended several colleges and to obtain transcripts was a tedious, costly task. They felt their word was their bond. Some suggested a copy of their diploma would be much easier.

As directed this report is submitted without recommendation.

Richard T. Pressey
Chairman Certification Survey
Western Division of the
American Fisheries Society

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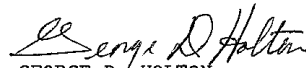
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ARIZONA	NEVADA
BRITISH COLUMBIA	OREGON
CALIFORNIA	SASKATCHEWAN
COLORADO	UTAH
HAWAII	WASHINGTON
IDAHO	WYOMING

TREASURERS REPORT - WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

At the business session of the 22nd annual meeting, the Western Division had a balance of \$41.96. Dues collected amounted to \$149.54 when the discount for Canadian currency was subtracted. Our account earned \$8.91 interest. Our only expenditure was \$17.00 for a past president's plaque. The balance on hand at this time is \$183.41. This does not include the dues collected at this meeting.

Our bank account is in excellent condition due to the generosity of the British Columbia Department last year and the Colorado Department this year in assuming the costs of postage for meeting announcements that are regularly borne by the Western Division American Fisheries Society.

Submitted by,


GEORGE D. HOLTON
SECRETARY-TREASURER

