

24th ANNUAL MEETING  
WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

July 18 & 19, 1972  
SHERATON MOTOR INN, PORTLAND, OREGON

Meeting was called to order by President Arthur Whitney at 4:25 p.m. The 37 members present constituted a quorum. As the meeting progressed additional members arrived.

President's Address

President Whitney recognized those who served on committees and as officers during the past year, particularly Chuck Campbell who was Arrangements Chairman.

He discussed the mechanics of dividing the Western Division into two divisions if that should be desired.

Informal Reports of National (AFS) Officials

Chuck Campbell, President-Elect of the Parent Society, told of personnel changes in the Washington office, address change of the Washington office and the increase in membership fees. He mentioned proposed membership structure changes and emphasized importance of chapters.

Dr. Richard Wade, Executive Secretary AFS, requested support of divisions, chapters and members in forwarding aims of the Society. The Society's finances are in good condition.

Miss Johanna Reinhart, Assistant Executive Secretary and Editor, discussed proposed changes in the TRANSACTIONS.

Report on Activities of Other Divisions

President Whitney explained that only the President of the Northcentral Division had responded to his letter of inquiry. He added that Mr. Charles Purkett, Fisheries Division Chief from Missouri and a member of the Northcentral Division, has been present at our meeting. Unfortunately, Mr. Purkett could not come to the business session but he did jot down some of his ideas on division activities. President Whitney read the following both from Mr. Purkett's notes and Dr. Anderson's letter.

An important activity of the Northcentral Division is the publication of an annual newsletter which is rather voluminous and does a good job of reporting all of the diverse activities throughout the region. In 1970 a symposium was held on the limnology and management of winterkill lakes. The papers presented at the symposium

are published and the publication is on sale for \$2.00. Cost of publication was supported by the Sport Fishing Institute and by the Ontario and Manitoba Departments. In 1971 a symposium on stream channelization was held and this will be published soon. This year President Anderson is organizing a symposium entitled "Largemouth Bass Overharvest, Fact or Fiction." The possibility of an annual publication devoted primarily to fisheries management is being discussed.

An ideal which has been discussed recently in the North-central Division is that of an associate membership category in the Parent Society. This would be a lower-cost membership that would not receive the TRANSACTIONS. This membership might be much easier to sell to a broader spectrum of fisheries and other resource people than is the present full membership. This idea scares many of the present Society members. They believe it might cause a demise of the TRANSACTIONS since too few members would elect a scientific membership at the full rate. This is a valid concern. The other possibility is that the Society membership might swell rapidly by new people who have not joined because they didn't want to pay for the TRANSACTIONS. The question of membership category will be considered by an Ad Hoc Committee in the near future.

#### Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Since copies of minutes from the last business meeting had been distributed just prior to this meeting, Pete Greene moved that the minutes not be read. Seconded by Ralph Larson. Motion carried. A statement of income and expenditure was read.

#### Bylaws Revision Committee Report

Don Andriano, Committee Chairman, discussed proposed changes to the Western Division Bylaws. Changes in Division bylaws are necessary to bring them into accord with 1971 revisions in the Parent Society Constitution and Bylaws. Other adjustments were also made. Don recommended adoption of the revised bylaws. Seconded by Hank McKirdy; motion carried.

During the discussion Dr. Wade advised that the option of belonging to either the Western or Northcentral Division is open to each individual member who lives in Manitoba or Saskatchewan.

#### Reports of Chapter Representatives

Rollie Rousseau, immediate Past-President of the Oregon Chapter, gave a report on Oregon Chapter activities.

Brian Waters, Secretary of the California-Nevada Chapter, advised the chapter is considering petitioning for division status. The purpose would be to establish a direct relationship with the Parent Society. In connection with this Bud Bassett, Resolutions Chairman, commented he contacted the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter to see if it wanted to submit a resolution proposing its establishment as a separate division. He was advised they did not wish to submit such a resolution.

#### Public Land Law Review Committee Report

The report by Committee Chairman Bruce Marker was transmitted by Don Dexter.

#### Membership Committee Report

Report presented by Don Dexter, Committee Chairman.

#### Awards Committee Report

Committee Chairman Bill Alvord advised no award made this year.

#### Time and Place Committee Report

Committee Chairman Wendell Smith gave a colorful invitation to Salt Lake City, site of next years meeting.

#### Resolutions Committee Report

Committee Chairman Bud Bassett read and moved for adoption of eight resolutions as follows:

Resolution 1    Opposing the Establishment and Publication of Uniform Monetary Values for Pollution-Killed Fish, Shellfish, and Other Fishery Related Natural Resources in the West

Seconded by Cliff Millenbach. Passed.

Resolution 2    Concerning Chapter Participation in Policy Determination

Seconded by Wendell Smith. After a discussion of chapter, division, and Parent Society relationships, Gerald Bouck moved the resolution be tabled. Seconded by Bill Alvord. Motion carried.

#### Recess and Reconvening

At 4:35 p.m. Bob Borovicka moved the meeting be recessed until 8:00 a.m. the following morning. Seconded by Pete Greene. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 a.m. July 19, 1972.

Resolution 3      Concerning Professional Certification

Seconded by Ralph Larson. Chuck Campbell spoke in favor of the certification program agreeing that the membership should have the opportunity to express opinions.

Don Dexter moved to amend the resolution by deleting the first resolve -- "...that the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society opposes the certification program as it is evolving..." Seconded by John Harville. Motion carried.

Gerald Bouck, a member of the Parent Society Certification Board, was asked for his opinion. He agreed opinions of membership should be sought. He suggested a mail ballot might be used to poll the membership on certification standards. He predicted certification will eventually be a license to practice. He said he is in favor of the resolution.

Chuck Campbell moved to change the wording from "...to obtain the recommendations of the membership through the chapters relative to the certification program" to "...to seek the recommendations of the membership relative to the certification program." Seconded by Gordon Haugen. Carried.

The vote was then taken and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Resolution 4      Concerning Location of Annual Meetings

Seconded by Gerald Bouck. George Eiker pointed out that in recent years more modest convention centers have been chosen. The motion was defeated.

Resolution 5      Concerning Attendance at the Law of the Seas Conference

Seconded by Cliff Millenbach. Chuck Campbell moved to amend the resolution to remove Idaho, as Idaho does not have a seacoast. Seconded by Craig MacPhee. Motion carried. Vote then taken. The resolution passed as amended.

Resolution 6      Concerning Land-Use Planning

Seconded by George Eiker. Chuck Campbell spoke in favor of resolution. Bob Phillips moved to insert word "fish" (so wording would be fish and wildlife). Seconded by Peters. Carried.

Don Andriano moved to add "...governors of member states and provinces..." Seconded by John Harville. Carried.

Dr. Craig MacPhee mentioned that the resolution is too general to be truly effective. Chuck Campbell defended resolution and pointed out that the resolution emphasizes the planning approach. A vote was taken. The resolution as amended was adopted.

Resolution 7      Concerning the Forestry Practices Act in Oregon

Seconded by Bob Phillips. Chuck Campbell explained the Oregon Forestry Practices Act gives the State Board of Forestry regulatory authority, in cooperation with other agencies, over logging on private as well as state lands.

Ralph Larson pointed out that in State of Washington a law such as this would strip the Department of Fisheries and Department of Game of their regulatory authority over hydraulic alterations to streams. A vote was taken. The motion failed.

Resolution 8      Standardizing Stream Survey Procedures

Seconded by Bob Borovicka. Motion carried.

Audit Committee Report

Chris Jensen recommended approval of the financial records. Seconded by Bob Borovicka. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report

The Committee consisted of P. T. Barrows, Rollie Rousseau, Roy Banner, Paul Cuplin and John Peters, Chairman. It nominated:

for President-Elect:	Bud Bassett Robert Patterson
for Secretary-Treasurer:	David McDaniel George Holton
for Western Division Representative to National Nominating Committee:	John Skinner

President Whitney solicited nominations from the floor for President-Elect. There were none. John Peters moved the nominations be closed. Seconded by Paul Cuplin. Carried.

President Whitney solicited nominations from the floor for Secretary-Treasurer. There were none. John Peters moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Gordon Haugen. Carried.

President Whitney solicited nominations from the floor for Western Division Representative to National Nominating Committee. There were none. Bob Phillips moved nominations be closed. Seconded by Ralph Larson. Carried.

#### Election

Voting was by printed ballot. The following officers were elected and installed:

Ralph Larson, President (installed as President-Elect last year)

Bud Bassett, President-Elect

George Holton, Secretary-Treasurer

John Skinner, Western Division Representative to National Nominating Committee

#### Plaque Presentation

Ralph Larson presented the Past President's plaque to outgoing President Art Whitney.

#### New President's Acceptance Speech

President Ralph Larson emphasized the need for more chapter input into Society affairs. He recommended the division continue coordinating chapter activities. He stressed that the division is ready, willing, and able to help and solicited constructive criticism.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

George D. Holton  
Secretary-Treasurer



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ARIZONA	NEVADA
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COLORADO	UTAH
HAWAII	WASHINGTON
IDAHO	WYOMING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO PARENT SOCIETY, 1971-72

I was able to attend three of the Division's chapter meetings this year - my own chapter in Montana and two of the largest chapters in the Division. These were the Portland Chapter, which met in Newport, and the California-Nevada Chapter which met in San Luis Obispo. I was well impressed with the quality of these chapter meetings. The papers were good the the discussions were lively. In my opinion the real future of our society, as far as meaningful input at meetings by the rank-and-file members are concerned, lies in the chapters.

The Division's most significant question of the year arose last September when the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter wrote the Parent Society's Executive Committee requesting that the Western Division be split into Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions. Since this was a letter, not a petition as required for such a change, the Executive Committee could not act upon it and suggested that it be referred to the Division for discussion. Our business meeting in Portland was the first chance for the membership of the Division to consider this matter; however, we could only discuss it. We could not actually have split at that time even if that had been the desire of most of the membership.

The Parent Society's bylaws state that divisions may be formed by any 25 or more members of some geographical area petitioning the Society's annual business session for formation of a division. If this is passed by two-thirds majority, then a new division is formed. Even though we could not split at Portland, I explained that if the desire of the group was to do something other than to continue under our present organization, then we should signify that desire to the Parent Society. Theoretically, 25 members from any portion of the Division could petition to form a new division and thus break away from the Western. In practice, however, I believe it would be extremely difficult to get such a petition accepted by a two-thirds majority of the Parent Society's annual business meeting without some indication that the action met the desire of most of the people in the present division's membership. Therefore, I advised if any group present wanted to split to another division they should move to so notify the Parent Society at the "other business" portion of our agenda.

The primary reason given by the Arizona-New Mexico Chapter for wanting to split was to reduce the area in which meetings are held and thereby hopefully increase the chances of attending for individual members. Also, splitting the Western Division would effectively break our meetings away from the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners meetings, at least a portion of



the time. This, in turn, would give more time for fisheries sessions and hopefully less expensive facilities. While I personally agree it would be well to break from the Commissioners meeting, the Division would not have to split in order to do this. However, in the past most of the members attending our meetings have wanted to continue meeting with the Western Association.

Other dissatisfactions with the Division than those mentioned above have also been expressed. I have heard criticisms this past year that the Western Division is not following the Parent Society's objectives and that it is a do-nothing group whose only activity is an annual meeting. I do not fully agree with these criticisms. Certainly the annual meeting is our major activity, but rather than split the division I would prefer to see the persons who want the division in other activities working to get it so involved.

Funding has always been a problem; however, we will soon have a new source of money. The National Executive Committee, at its St. Louis meeting in March, moved to rebate fifty cents per member to the divisions without any dues increase. Therefore, we who have been living on less than \$100.00 per year will soon have an annual income of approximately \$600.00. Thus, I believe a much more important question than "Shall we or shall we not split?" is the question "How can we use these new funds to best benefit the members of the Western Division?" To aid in our deliberations I asked the presidents of the other divisions what some of their activities were and what they might be planning to do with the new funds. At meeting time I had received a reply only from the Northcentral Division, which was discussed. Other Divisions' replies have been forwarded to President Larson for his consideration.

Prepared by Arthur N. Whitney

Date August 1972





*American Fisheries Society*  
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Office of the Secretary-Treasurer  
c/o Montana Fish and Game Department  
Helena, Montana 59601  
July 18, 1972

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES - 1971-72

At the business session of the 23rd annual meeting, the Western Division had a balance of \$183.41. Dues collected amounted to \$78.00. Our account earned \$10.24 interest. Our only expenditures were \$40.98 for a Special Award plaque and \$17.00 for a Past-President's plaque. The balance on hand at this time is \$213.67.

Our bank account is in excellent condition due to the generosity of the host departments in recent years, including the Oregon Game Department this year. They assumed the costs of postage for meeting announcements that are regularly borne by the Western Division American Fisheries Society.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE D. HOLTON  
SECRETARY-TREASURER



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GAME AND FISH COMMISSION  
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June 22, 1972

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TO: Members A.F.S. Western Division, PLLR & Legislative Ad Hoc. Committee  
FROM: Bruce Marker, Chairman  
SUBJECT: Committee Report 1972 (As edited by Don Dexter. Retyped by Mont. Fish & Game)

This Committee was formed at the last Western Division meeting by Art Whitney as an Ad Hoc. Committee.

The purpose is to review and evaluate pending legislation for the benefit of the membership, and to coordinate our views with the A.F.S. and the I.A.G.F.C.C.

A list of pending and enacted legislation has been prepared. A proposed review and recommendation procedure follows:

Paragraph 1. Bill number, 92nd Congress, 1st or 2nd Session, a bill to (capsule statement of thrust), introduced on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_. Referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_. Subsequent history.

Explanation of Bill: A fairly detailed account of what the bill is intended to accomplish. Varies in length from a 7- or 8-line paragraph to more than a page.

Effect of Bill: (Optional) This heading is used when it appears that the impact of the bill may be somewhat different from the intent as discussed under the preceding heading or when matters of Association policy seem likely to be involved.

Committee Recommendations: Support, oppose, recommend with amendments, etc.

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If the above procedure is acceptable to the Committee, to the Executive Committee, and to the membership, specific assignments for reviews will be made at the conference in Portland or before so that we can offer our views to the Legislative Committee of the I.A.G.F.C.C. on or before August 15, 1972.

For the conference in Portland, I would suggest the Committee Members review the publication "Public Land Policy Impact on Fish and Wildlife" which was forwarded earlier this year. Be prepared to discuss it in the light of recommending or not recommending endorsement of the views expressed therein.

I would also suggest review of the list of significant legislation in light of being prepared to select those bills that you are individually prepared to criticize.

BM/cmw

cc: Arthur N. Whitney

Committee Members:

Arthur N. Whitney, President  
Charles P. Seldon  
Jay Bergstrand, Regional Coordinator  
Roland F. Rousseau, Assistant Chief  
Stacy Gebhards

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT  
WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

Don Dexter, Chairman

Membership recruitment activities during the past year have been through personal and mail contact with new employees, local chapters and prospective members in the various universities.

Listings of new members were received at regular intervals from the Executive Secretary and these were forwarded to each State and Provincial Chairman to assist them in conducting follow-up contacts.

While it is difficult to determine how many of the new members can be attributed to any particular effort by the Membership Committee, I am pleased to report there have been 197 new applications recorded in the following categories as of June 30, 1972:

Active	-	76
Student	-	105
Life	-	1
Library	-	15

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED JULY 18, 1972

RESOLUTION #1

July 1972

A Resolution Opposing the Establishment and Publication of Uniform Monetary Values for Pollution-Killed Fish, Shellfish and Other Fishery Related Natural Resources in the west.

Submitted by: The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Whereas the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society has adopted and published uniform monetary values for fishes and has suggested that the entire Society take similar action, and;

Whereas the fishery resources of the west are unique, not comparable to the fishery resources of the Southeast, and;

Whereas the number of dead fish that are evident following a fish kill is typically a small percentage of the total kill and does not include food organisms, and;

Whereas the full impact of pollution cannot be assessed accurately or compensated fully when based solely on the number and value of recoverable fish carcasses, and;

Whereas legal penalties that are based on the number of dead fish become decreasingly severe as pollution levels increase, and;

Whereas the establishment and publication of uniform monetary values for all natural resources may encourage depredation and degradation rather than enhancement and conservation, and;

Whereas pollution-induced fish kills can be handled best on a case by case basis requiring complete restoration of that aquatic ecosystem;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society opposes the establishment and publication of uniform monetary values for pollution-killed fish in the west.

THIS RESOLUTION TABLED ON JULY 18, 1972 AND WAS NOT ACTED UPON FURTHER DURING 1972  
BUSINESS SESSION  
RESOLUTION #2

July 1972

A Resolution Concerning Chapter Participation in Policy Determination

Submitted by: The Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries  
Society

Whereas the American Fisheries Society was established to further develop  
the fisheries profession and to ensure the continued development of  
fisheries science, and;

Whereas the Society has authorized the formation of divisions within the  
Society and chapters within the divisions, and;

Whereas the chapters and divisions consider problems and material of  
significant importance to Society members, and;

Whereas the chapters offer field professionals the opportunity to consider  
important policies and recommendations made by officers of the  
parent Society, and;

Whereas many of the policies formed at executive committee level are of  
vital concern to the membership;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American  
Fisheries Society urges the officers of the parent Society to refer  
to the chapters for recommendations relative to proposed policies  
of concern to all members.

CONSIDERED AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED JULY 19, 1972, as follows:

RESOLUTION #<sup>3</sup>

July 1972

A Resolution Concerning Professional Certification

Submitted by: The Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Whereas the American Fisheries Society offers a program of Professional Certification, and;

Whereas the Board of Professional Certification has proposed that certification be revoked upon non-payment of dues, that scientists must receive Board approval of certification each five years and that certification indicate a level of achievement and/or a license to practice;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society urges the Society to seek the recommendations of the membership relative to the certification program.

CONSIDERED ON JULY 19, 1972 - NOT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #4

July 1972

A Resolution Concerning Location of Annual Meetings

Submitted by: The Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Whereas the American Fisheries Society asserts itself to be organized and dedicated to the exchange of fisheries information among professional fisheries workers, and;

Whereas fisheries biologist and managers, many of which are workers at the lower eschlons, find the Society's annual meeting costs excessively high to the individual member, if not prohibitive, and;

Whereas many more working members could and would attend the annual meeting if the most expensive hotels could be avoided and registration costs could be kept at a minimum, and;

Whereas attending members costs for the conference hotel could be considerably less if held at smaller and more competitive convention centers;

Now therefore be it resolved that in the future, all annual meetings of the American Fisheries Society be held at hotels or convention centers where costs to the membership will be considerably lower than the past couple of years and are such that the Society members with a non-administrative type of job can afford to partake in this exchange of professional fisheries information.



CONSIDERED AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED JULY 19, 1972, as follows:

RESOLUTION #5

July 1972

A Resolution Concerning Attendance at the Law of the Seas Conference

Submitted by: Oregon State Game Commission

Whereas sport fishing for anadromous fish by nearly 1.6 million anglers is an important part of the growing recreation provided by the Pacific Coast states and British Columbia, and;

Whereas this is an important economic asset to the states and province and a recreational benefit to the citizens, and;

Whereas the economic values and recreational demand will increase in future years;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society request representation for the sport fishing interests at the next Law of the Seas Conference, and;

Be it further resolved eventual rules and regulations governing harvest on the high seas assure sufficient supplies of anadromous fish to satisfy the growing recreational demand by Pacific Coast states and Canada.

CONSIDERED AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED JULY 19, 1972, as follows:

RESOLUTION #6

July 1972

A Resolution Concerning Land-Use Planning

Submitted by: Oregon State Game Commission

Whereas the future of fish and wildlife populations depends upon proper land-use practices, including watershed management, and;

Whereas logging, grazing, mining and other activities, if not carefully planned and conducted, can adversely affect water quality and destroy critical wildlife habitat, and;

Whereas legislation has been introduced in Congress that will eventually require states to develop comprehensive land-use plans, and;

Whereas an aggressive effort by the states to develop and implement land-use plans would insure such plans contain the needs of the respective states and would negate the need for federal administration of state land use;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society encourages and supports administrative directives and state legislative programs that would lead to the development of progressive land-use plans to protect and enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the governors of the member states and provinces of the Western Division.

CONSIDERED ON JULY 19, 1972 - NOT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION #7

July 1972

A Resolution Concerning the Forestry Practices Act in Oregon

Submitted by: Oregon State Game Commission

Whereas the future of fish and wildlife production in the nation depends upon proper land use and watershed management, and;

Whereas Oregon has adopted the "Forestry Practices Act" with rules and regulations to protect soil, water and production of renewable resources, and;

Whereas coordination for protection of the watershed through one state agency, the Department of Forestry, will be less confusing to the public;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society commend Oregon for this step in natural resource management, and;

Be it further resolved that other states are encouraged to examine this coordination of land use through a single agency: to lessen public confusion, to assure proper resource management, and to adopt such rules where applicable.

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED JULY 19, 1972

RESOLUTION #8

July 1972

A Resolution Standardizing Stream Survey Procedures

Submitted by: Western Division Study Committee

Whereas the responsibility for the management of natural resources is shared by state, federal and private organizations, and

Whereas stream surveys are required in the management of fisheries and fish habitat, and

Whereas stream surveys in a single watershed often involve several management organizations, and

Whereas the American Fisheries Society has encouraged standardization of fisheries data, and the need for a standardized approach to stream surveys has been expressed by representatives of state and federal agencies at a seminar held at the July 1972 meeting of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society recommends to the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners that a close liaison be established among organizations to standardize stream survey procedures.