

25th ANNUAL MEETING  
WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
July 12, 1973  
HOTEL UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Meeting was called to order by President Ralph Larson at 2:20 p.m. The first order of business was a panel, "How Western Chapters' Roles Can Be More Meaningful in Division Functions" (attachment 1 is a summary). During the discussions relating to the panel, Dr. Wade advised that the Parent Society Newsletter could include information from chapters. He also advised that to finance its newsletter the Northeastern Division is assessing each member \$1.00 to be collected through the Parent Society. Doug Jester urged that student papers be integrated with other papers at meetings rather than being segregated into separate student sessions. He also suggested that if a division newspaper became a reality, it could be used to publish a call for papers at the annual division meeting.

Determination of a Quorum

There were 62 persons present and by a show of hands it was determined that sufficient Western Division members were present to constitute a quorum.

President's Address

President Larson stressed the importance of division and chapters pointing out that they are the backbone of the American Fisheries Society. Suggestions from the chapters are welcome. Many activities such as the seminars and workshops held by other divisions are difficult for the Western to implement due to the vast area encompassed by this division. He asked that chapters be more responsive to the requests from the division for information, resolutions, etc.

Informal Reports of National (AFS) Officials

Dick Wade, Executive Secretary AFS, recognized the presence of Chuck Campbell, President AFS; Ray Johnson, President-elect AFS; Gerald Bouck, Chairman AFS Certification Committee and Janice Hughes, Chairman AFS Nominating Committee. He congratulated the Western Division on being an active division and advised that the deletions from the AFS Newsletter of titles of papers given at chapter meetings was a matter of economy and not meant to demean the chapters. He pointed out that 15-25 percent of the coverage in the Newsletter has been on Western Division affairs. He, too, emphasized the need for chapters to give a better response to requests for information. He mentioned the overall gain in membership and stressed the importance of holding current members and restoring members who are delinquent or dropped out.

Chuck Campbell said he was glad to hear the discussions on the role of chapters and revitalizing the Western Division. He gave news of activities at the national level.

#### Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Since copies of the minutes from the last business session had been distributed, they were not read. It was moved and seconded that they be approved as written. Motion carried. A statement of income and expenditures was read (attachment 2).

#### Standard Stream Survey Committee Report (attachment 3)

Report prepared by Bob Borovicka, Committee Chairman. Bob made a motion, "The Standard Stream Survey Committee should be continued for the next year and subcommittees appointed by the chairman to accomplish items 1 through 5 (in report). A report on progress made will be submitted to the Western Division meeting in 1974." Seconded by John Peters. Motion carried.

#### Time and Place Committee Report

Committee Chairman, Wendell Smith, gave his usual inimitable invitation to next years meeting place which will be Albuquerque, New Mexico.

#### Resolutions Committee Report

Bob Wiley, committee member, read and moved for adoption of three resolutions which follow:

##### Resolution 1 Wilderness Fish Stocking (attachment 4)

Seconded. Motion carried.

##### Resolution 2 Stream Alteration Programs (attachment 5)

Seconded. In connection with this resolution there was a discussion on the distribution of resolutions once they are passed. It was agreed by those present, including Dick Wade and Chuck Campbell, that the Western Division can distribute resolutions it passes without awaiting authorization from the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners or the Parent Society. It was determined that, rather than have each resolution mention distribution to be made, it will be the responsibility of the President and Secretary-Treasurer to make this decision including determining which should be forwarded to the Resolutions Committee of the Parent Society. Following this discussion, Bob Phillips moved that resolution 2 be amended by deleting the paragraph which directed its distribution to the heads of various agencies. Seconded. Motion carried. Charles Koski moved that the word "mitigating" in the resolution be changed to "compensating." Seconded. Motion carried. The resolution with the two amendments was then voted upon. Motion carried.

Resolution 3    Establishment of Financial Assistance to the Divisions  
and Their Chapters    (attachment 6)

Seconded. Fred Eiserman mentioned that financial rebates to the chapters from division or Parent Society had been discussed at the last meeting of the Wyoming-Colorado Chapter. It was decided that such funding was not necessary for present chapter activities. A request could be made when the need arose. Gerald Bouck pointed out that each member is now receiving over twice as much value in services as he is paying in dues; therefore, a rebate from the Parent Society would require an increase in dues. It was brought out during the discussion that dynamic division or chapter operations depended more on leadership than on funding. A vote was then taken. Motion failed.

Auditing Committee Report

President Ralph Larson read the report of the Auditing Committee prepared by Ben Pulliam, Chairman. The report stated that the accounts had been reviewed and found to be correct and in order. A motion was made and seconded that the audit committee report be accepted. Motion carried.

Membership Committee Report    (attachment 7)

Report was read by Walter Burkhard, Committee Chairman.

Comments by President

President Larson thanked committee chairmen, division officers and members for their work and support during the year.

Nominating Committee Report    (attachment 8)

Bob Phillips, Chairman, read the report. The Committee nominated for President-elect: William S. "Bill" Platts and Rollie F. Rousseau; for Secretary-Treasurer: Terry Holubetz. President Larson asked if there were any nominations from the floor. George Holton was nominated for President-elect but declined the nomination. There were no additional nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Bob Phillips and Henry McKirdy were nominated from the floor for Western Division Representative to the National Nominating Committee. There were no further nominations, and nominations were closed. Short statements were read on the backgrounds of the two nominees for President-elect.

Election

Voting was by written ballot.

#### Other Business

While the votes were being counted, Fred Eiserman lead a discussion on the desirability of dialogue between agencies engaged in research on optimum flows for fish. He made a motion as follows: "The next President should establish a committee to develop a symposium or workshop session on acceptable flows for trout in controlled streams." Seconded; motion carried.

#### Election Results

The following officers were elected and installed:

Bud Bassett, President (elected President-elect last year)

Bill Platts, President-elect

Terry Holubetz, Secretary-Treasurer

Bob Phillips, Western Division Representative to National  
Nominating Committee

#### Plaque Presentation

Bud Bassett presented the past-President's plaque to outgoing President Ralph Larson.

#### New President's Acceptance Speech

President Bud Bassett gave a short acceptance speech in which he said he wanted to hear from chapters and members directly.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

George D. Holton  
Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer

Attachment 1

THE CHAPTER'S ROLE AND ITS  
RELATIONSHIP TO THE WESTERN DIVISION

The following is a compilation of the remarks from a panel discussion presented by three Chapter representatives - Walter Burkhart, Colorado; Ron Marcoux, Montana; and William Saltzman, Oregon. The discussion took place on the afternoon of Thursday, July 12, 1973, at the Business Session of the Western Division, American Fisheries Society meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The purpose of the panel discussion was to encourage participation by Chapter members into a more active role with the Western Division.

Before discussing the question of "How Western Chapter's Roles Can Be More Meaningful in Division Functions," we believe we should first answer the question "What is the Role of the Chapter?" The Chapter's roles and their relative importance are presented as follows:

- (1) To meet and exchange current information concerning our aquatic resources and to evaluate new sampling techniques. This role is vital to keeping abreast of new developments in the aquatic resources field.
- (2) To inform members on various activities which threaten to affect or are currently affecting our aquatic resources. Generally an on-site workshop serves to accomplish this.
- (3) Another role, which is becoming increasingly important, is supporting good local, state, and Federal legislation and commenting on other matters affecting aquatic resources.
- (4) Finally, the Chapter can serve to encourage membership and active participation not only in the local chapter, but in the Western Division and parent society.

"Involvement" must certainly be the key to better integration of Chapter activities with those of the Division. Past Presidents of the Western have sought greater involvement by obtaining Chapter input into the Division operations. For example:

- (1) Chapter Presidents have been asked to recommend names for appointments to committees of the Division and nominees for Division officers.
- (2) Each Chapter President is now automatically a member of the Executive Committee of the Division.

These activities appear to be successful and have encouraged Division participation.

Another way to encourage participation in the Division is to schedule meetings at the Division annual meeting of all committees. All committee chairmen should request in writing to the state administrators that Division committee members be allowed to attend. This would allow more people to attend and benefit from the meetings. It would also be desirable to have each individual chapter represented on each committee.

We recommend the Executive Board of the Western consider publishing a Division newsletter. The idea is not new and several Divisions already have newsletters. A newsletter would provide another avenue for an exchange of information among Chapters. For example, significant studies could be summarized, resolutions could be listed, job opportunities in the Chapter's area could be noted, activities and meeting dates might be summarized. The Division could inform the Chapters of resolutions passed and provide membership tallies. When we consider a potential of over 1,100 Western Division members and had 110 registered last year, it becomes obvious that the remainder should be informed. If we are serious about maintaining the Division, and we believe we are, we should encourage participation, and to encourage participation, we have to provide information. A Division newsletter could also further stimulate a flow of ideas vertically between Chapter-Division and National.

The Division could supply each Chapter secretary with the names and addresses of other Chapter officers. It could then be the Chapter's responsibility to notify all other Chapters of their activities including meeting notices and abstracts of papers. Although this could be handled through a Division newsletter, the direct correspondence between Chapters would probably be more effective.

Some Divisions have sponsored symposiums on problems common to a broad geographical area. The Southern Division on Reservoirs is one example - there are others. To our knowledge, the Western Division has not yet done this. Many of us are deeply concerned about the damage being inflicted on streams by poor road building practices. Other western states express similar concern. Sponsorship by the Western Division of a session on road construction and fish habitat (or other serious problems of regional concern) is something we believe should be considered, and we recommend this be implemented by the Western's Executive Committee.

The Division could serve as a forum for directing attention to areas where standardization of techniques is sought. The Standard Stream Survey Committee is the kind of thing we have in mind. Topics such as fish habitat improvement devices and techniques, fish passage criteria at culverts, or fish stocking criteria and methodology, and others could be cited. A whole new ball game could be opened by a task force approach to a multitude of tasks facing us. The result, if not a complete standardization of a procedure, could at least result in a pooling of available data. We recommend this be considered by the Executive Committee of the Division.

A review of the current activities of the Western Division may be in order to answer such questions as:

- (1) What were the initial objectives in forming the Division?
- (2) Are these same goals valid today or do we need to make some changes?
- (3) What should we be doing in 5 years - 10 years, and are we planning now (adequately) for the future?

Perhaps a committee of the Chapter Presidents (or their representatives) could make this analysis of the Division and present their findings at the Western meeting.

Of course, this type of critical analysis need not be limited to the Division, but could well include the interrelated roles of Chapter and Division. We recommend this be considered by the Executive Committee of the Western.

Another suggestion for your consideration is that the Western Division provide a forum at the Annual Meeting for discussion and sharing of Chapter activities. Certain Chapters have active committees on legislation, pollution, water resources and estuaries - committees that are "doing things" that you, too, may be doing or interested in. A Stream Improvements Committee is completing a slide series and narrative on "Crisis in Oregon Streams." This depicts good and bad land-use practices and outlines action concerned citizens may take. We recommend a time and place be made available at the Western for a review of Chapter activities.

Panels such as presented at the Business Session on July 12, 1973, with Chapter representation should be encouraged on an annual basis. Such topics as "are bi-state chapters more effective than lone state chapters," "how does each individual chapter tackle legislative matters," "how do they encourage membership," or even "what is the Chapter's role within a state" can be discussed. The members on the panel would continue to increase membership in the Division and at the same time stimulate Chapter involvement.

We could begin having Chapter sessions at Division meetings. Best papers from Chapter sessions could be presented and again judged at this session. Another possibility would be to encourage student members of the Chapter to present papers at annual Chapter sessions. After judging the best presentation, each Chapter could see that the transportation and room could be paid to allow the student the opportunity to present his paper at the Division meeting. We would not only provide information this way, but would also stimulate student membership in the Chapters and increase attendance to the Division.

Consideration should be given to separating the Western Division from the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners. A close look at this year's program will show the lack of emphasis given to the Western Division. If we believe that a primary function of the Division is to provide a common meeting ground for fisheries workers from the western area, then let's work to have a strong Division by retaining our individuality. There are definite benefits to the Commissioners from their association's meetings, but they will not lose these benefits if the Division meets as a completely separate organization. Perhaps the relationship with the Fish and Game Commissioners Association should be reevaluated. Commissioners' comments could be solicited as to the value of having joint meetings.

With respect to the separation from the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners, Mr. Pete Green, a past president of the Division, provided these comments:

1. The original intent of the Division was to form an organization which could meet with the Directors of the Western Game and Fish Departments and call to their attention that fishery matters were also within their area of responsibility.
2. The perspective of fishery workers would be broadened by this association by giving them the opportunity to meet with and contact persons eminent in the total conservation field.
3. It would serve to save money for the fisheries organization by doubling up on transportation with game people and having meeting facilities and programs made available by the Western Association.

*John C. Peters*

Compiled by  
John C. Peters  
Colorado Panel Chairman  
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Attachment 2

*American Fisheries Society*  
**WESTERN DIVISION**

Office of the Secretary-Treasurer  
c/o Montana Department of Fish and Game  
Helena, Montana 59601  
July 12, 1973

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| ALBERTA          | NEW MEXICO   |
| ARIZONA          | NEVADA       |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | OREGON       |
| CALIFORNIA       | SASKATCHEWAN |
| COLORADO         | UTAH         |
| HAWAII           | WASHINGTON   |
| IDAH0            | WYOMING      |
| MANITOBA         |              |

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES, 1972-73

At the business session of the 24th annual meeting last year, the Western Division had a balance of \$213.67. No registration fees were collected at that meeting; however, during the year we received dues allotments from the Parent Society amounting to \$486.50. Also, our account earned \$28.63 interest.

Our expenditures were \$32.50 for 2,000 letterheads, \$130 postage for mailing meeting announcements and \$18 for a Past-President's plaque.

The balance on hand at this time is \$548.30.

Respectfully submitted,

*George D. Holton*

GEORGE D. HOLTON  
SECRETARY-TREASURER



Attachment 3

Report of Standard Steam Survey Committee

At the 1972 meeting of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, a resolution was passed recommending to the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners that a close liaison be established among organizations to standardize steam survey procedures.

Ralph Larson, President of the Western Division AFS authorized an ad hoc committee to investigate a standard steam survey method. The following committee was appointed by the president.

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| R.L. Borovicka<br>Bureau of Land Management       | Al Hall<br>U.S. Forest Service                           |
| Robert Sayre<br>Oregon Game Commission            | Robert Phillips<br>U.S. Forest Service                   |
| Rupert Andrews<br>Alaska Dept. of Fish<br>& Game  | Mr. George Holton<br>Montana Fish & Game<br>Department   |
| Mr. Cliff Millenbach<br>Fisheries Management Div. | Donald Dunham<br>U.S. Forest Service                     |
| Henry McKirdy<br>U.S. Forest Service              | Gordon Watson<br>Bureau of Sport Fisheries<br>& Wildlife |

Each committee member received descriptions of six steam survey methods.

About 30 people including committee and other interested fishery scientists met in the Mission Room of the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City, July 10, 1973.

The consensus of the group was that emphasis should be placed on standardization of terms and methods for steam surveys rather than on forms alone. The group decided that the steps in establishing a standardized system are as follows:

1. Determine objectives of the survey
2. Develop a glossary of terms
3. Determine methods and develop forms for collecting and recording data.
4. Investigate potential for automatic data processing for storing and retrieval of data and interagency coordination.
5. Publication and distribution of the method and the storage system to the scientific community

The committee recommends the following motion to the membership:

The Standard Steam Survey Committee should be continued for the next year and subcommittee be appointed by the chairman to accomplish items 1 through 5. A report on progress made will be submitted to the Western Division Meeting in 1974.

Bob Borovicka-Chairman  
George Holton  
Bill Saltzman

ADOPTED - July 12, 1973

WESTERN DIVISION - AFS, RESOLUTION #1  
WILDERNESS FISH STOCKING

WHEREAS, the U. S. Forest Service has been given administrative authority over designated Wilderness Areas on National Forests by the Wilderness Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, interpretations of the Wilderness Act have varied considerably between Regions of the Forest Service as relates to permitted activities and procedures within a Wilderness; and

WHEREAS, some local Forest Service officials have recently indicated that future Forest Service policy is evolving toward further restriction and perhaps elimination of fish stocking in some additional Wilderness lakes, especially by aircraft; and

WHEREAS, sport fishing in many Wilderness lakes is a key recreational activity that is compatible with a wilderness experience, and since this activity is increasing, certain presently barren wilderness lakes will require stocking as a means of distributing that use; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of trout populations in Wilderness lakes without supplemental stocking is often difficult, if not impossible, because of limited natural reproduction; and since aerial stocking is a biologically superior means of stocking such lakes with the least impact upon the environment and the best chance of survival of the stocked fish; and

WHEREAS, the stocking of remote barren lakes can be also used to perpetuate rare or endangered species;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society opposes further restriction by the U. S. Forest Service of fish stocking activities in Wilderness Lakes, except where the Forest Service determines, in cooperation with the appropriate State wildlife agency, that it is necessary to restrict fish stocking in order to affect a change in the distribution of recreation use for the purpose of correcting environmental damage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Regional policy of the Forest Service uniformly recognizes that stocking of some lakes by aircraft is an appropriate and biologically superior management tool which should be expanded to include barren lakes when the stocking of such lakes is included in a special cooperative agreement between the Forest Service and the appropriate State fish and wildlife managing agency.

Attachment 5

ADOPTED AS AMENDED - July 12, 1973

WESTERN DIVISION - AFS, RESOLUTION #2  
STREAM ALTERATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, publicly constructed and subsidized stream alteration programs for flood control, irrigation, power generation, drainage, municipal and industrial use, and other purposes often result in the destruction of fish and wildlife habitat; and,

WHEREAS, these programs may cause irreparable damage to waterways and related land resources; and,

WHEREAS, compensatory measures for fish and wildlife damage are often either lacking or inadequate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 10-13, 1973, vigorously opposes publicly funded stream alteration programs, both existing and proposed, until natural resource values and recreation opportunities are comprehensively evaluated and resource enhancing, protecting and/or compensating recommendations are included as an integral part of the project and project cost; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Western Division encourages and supports administrative directives and legislative programs which will ensure the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources in such programs.

Attachment 6

VOTE TAKEN; MOTION TO ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT PASS - July 12, 1973

**WESTERN DIVISION - AFS, RESOLUTION #3  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
TO THE DIVISIONS AND THEIR CHAPTERS**

WHEREAS, the membership growth and strength of the Western Division and Parent Society is maintained and perpetuated through its State and student chapters; and

WHEREAS, the chapters currently active in the Western States need annual financial assistance to sustain and enhance their activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, this assistance could be received through financial rebates from the Western Division and the Parent Society on a per capita membership and project accomplishment formula,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society strongly encourages and requests the American Fisheries Society at its next annual executive board meeting to prepare a change in the Society's by-laws whereby the establishment of financial grants to the Divisions for assisting its Chapters is brought to the vote of the membership.

Attachment 7

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT  
WESTERN DIVISION, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - JULY 12, 1973

After writing to the Committee members, I was able to obtain membership information on the following chapters:

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| Colorado State University<br>Student Chapter   |      | Information unavailable          |
| Colorado-Wyoming Chapter                       | 1972 | 73 members                       |
|  | 1973 | 82 members                       |
| Montana Chapter                                | 1972 | 53 members                       |
|  | 1973 | 53 members                       |
| New Mexico State University<br>Student Chapter |      | Information unavailable          |
| Oregon Chapter                                 | 1972 | 230 regular & 39 student members |
|  | 1973 | 198 regular & 50 student members |

Miss Patti Some, Membership Secretary of the Society, has supplied the chapters with names and addresses of delinquent members. It is hoped that by personal contact by chapter members, we can regain many of our former members.

Walter Burkhard, Chairman  
Membership Committee

Attachment 8

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
WESTERN DIVISION, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - JULY 12, 1973

To encourage greater participation in the affairs of the Western Division, the presidents of the local chapters were asked to recommend a candidate each for the offices of Vice-President (President-elect) and Secretary-Treasurer. Four of the nine chapters responded with four recommendations for Vice-President and two for Secretary-Treasurer. One of those recommended for Secretary-Treasurer moved from the Western Division area leaving a single recommendation.

The qualifications of those recommended for the offices, as submitted by the chapters, were examined by the Nominating Committee. The following nominees are offered to the membership at this time:

Vice-President

William S. "Bill" Platts (Idaho)  
Rollie F. Rousseau (Oregon)

Secretary-Treasurer

Terry Holubetz (Idaho)

Nominating Committee

Stacy Gebhards (Idaho)  
Ivan McElwain (Bonneville)  
Joe Stone (Arizona-New Mexico)  
Jerry Turner (California-Nevada)  
Bob Phillips (Portland), Chairman



