

Western Division of the American Fisheries Society
EXCOM Teleconference Minutes
Date: October 29, 1999

Participants:

1. Attendees included: Ken Hashagen, President, Bill Bradshaw, President-Elect, Eric Knudsen, Vice-President, Tim Slaney, President, North Pacific International Chapter, Buddy Drake, President, Montana Chapter, Ted Koch, President, Idaho Chapter, Cindy Hartmann, President, Alaska Chapter, Bill Bechtol, President-Elect, Alaska Chapter.
2. A quorum was not present. (A quorum is 4 of the 5 officers and one third of the chapter presidents or their proxies).
3. President's Report: The Certification Challenge has been published on the Division's web page and will appear in the next Tributary. Mary Lou Keefe has agreed to chair the EEO Committee. I have extracted what I think are pertinent items from the Society Strategic Plan and have sent these out to the Division Officers. I will send them out next week to the rest of the Excom. I received a "thank you" from the International Fisheries Section for our donation last year to the Russian-Far East journals donation program. I plan to attend the Alaska Chapter meeting in early November.
4. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Ed Cheslak was unable to call in.
5. President-Elect's Report: Bill is still gearing up for the Telluride meeting. About ready to sign the contract for the facility.
6. Past President's Report: Bob will shortly be sending out an announcement requesting nominations for awards and will get out a letter to the BLM and the USFS starting the process for the Riparian Challenge. Pete Bisson will send us his list of "possibles" for Division offices and Bob will use that to begin the thankless task of putting together a slate of officers.
7. Vice-President's Report: Eric has established his Membership Committee by appointing the Membership Chair of each chapter to the committee. He has sent a letter to the Bethesda Office, requesting that dues for students that are mentored be at a reduced rate, reasoning that more people would be inclined to mentor a student if the rates were reduced and the Society would still make money, even if at a reduced rate. Eric is also working with the Program Committee for the Phoenix meeting (July 2001) and will attend the joint Arizona-New Mexico Chapter meeting so he can represent the Division and attend meetings related to the 2001 meeting.
8. Newsletter/Web Reports: No report this period.
9. Committee Reports: No Committee reports
10. Chapter Reports: Not mandatory; only if you have an announcement or a significant event). Ted Koch announced that the Idaho Chapter will have their annual meeting in Coeur d'Alene, March 13-15, 2000.
11. Old Business: Two grant proposals were approved: The Dam Removal Conference (\$400) and student support for the Groundfish Conference (\$1200). Ken will direct Ed Cheslak to write a brief note and enclose a check. Two other grant proposal were not acted on and will be held over until the January review period: the challenge by the NE Division to contribute money to reduce the Society's Transactions backlog and funding to produce a user-friendly version of the Beverton-Holt Equilibrium Yield Model.

12. New Business: Bill Bradshaw will contact Kristin Merriam-Clarke to get the Telluride meeting listed in Fisheries. The Society for Ecological Restoration has contacted Ken, requesting that the Division provide three fisheries biologists for a blind, peer review of a Fish and Forest Plan in Washington. Reviewers will be paid for their efforts. Pete Bisson and Bob Bilby suggested some names, as did Cindy Hartmann. Ken will contact possible reviewers until three are found. Denise Box of the Washington Department of Wildlife contacted Ken with a request that we meet jointly with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in late July 2003. After discussion, the Excom agreed that we should consider the feasibility. Ken will ask Mike Mainz, Chair of the Time and Place Committee to follow-up with Denise Box and explore our options. Apparently, in the past, the Division has met with WAFWA but stopped when the locations chosen were too expensive for agency folks and students.

Date of Next Meeting: Our next conference call has be tentatively scheduled for November 30, 10:00 Pacific time. Please send Ken your agenda items.