

Western Division of the American Fisheries Society
EXCOM Teleconference Minutes
Date: August 15, 2003

Participants: Don MacDonald, Eric Knudsen, Tom McMahon, Lynn Starnes, Monica Hiner, Bill Bradshaw, Dave Zafft, Mary Buckman, Dave Ward, Mary Whalen, Vaughn Paragamian

Quorum Not Present

2003 Annual Meeting (Tom)

- Meeting Proceeds
 - It appears that there was a problem with registration and payment processing. In the following weeks, measures will be taken to:
 - Checking registrants to see if paid
 - Checking presenters to see if paid
 - Will have more information on next call.

2004 Annual Meeting

- It was inquired whether any chapter needed meeting space in Salt Lake City. Idaho and Oregon do not since they are having their meeting a few weeks before the WDAFS meeting.
- WDAFS awards may be given out at banquet.
- Lynn has sent out invitations to plenary speakers. Fundraising has started.
- Dave is putting together the poster session arrangements and getting an email list together for the program committee.
- Lynn has recruited a tribal member for the chair of the tribal restoration session.
- Best student paper/poster will be awarded.

Western Native Fishes Committee

- The committee's next conference call will be on 25-Aug-03.
- The committee has drafted a preliminary list of species and is looking at using HUC's (Hydrological Unit Code) as unit area.
- Lynn has received a call from the Parent Society's Endangered Species Committee, who is interested in working with them.

Secretary/Treasurer Report (Monica)

- Approval of Minutes
 - We were hoping to approve minutes from our EXCOM Business lunch and teleconferences held on 20-May and 22-July, but a quorum was not present.
 - Mary had an update for the 2003 Business Meeting minutes—a "b" is missing from the second line. Also, under the Time and Place committee, the last 3 bullets talk about the Parent Society. This needs to be more clear.
- Taxes
 - Monica has contacted an accountant (Tracy Stelling, Brookings, Oregon) who is going to prepare our taxes (non-profit status). She is in the process of gathering the needed information and submitting it to her. These costs are not yet reflected in the budget.

Annual Mid-Year Retreat, Phoenix (Tom)

- The retreat will be held during October 14th – 16th, starting at 1pm on the 14th to allow travel into the Phoenix area. The meeting will adjourn at noon on the 16th to allow for travel back home.
- It will be held at the Hyatt, rates are \$85.00/night for a single.
- Vaughn requested that arrangements be made for WDAFS to cover his travel (Idaho).

Upper Basin Pallid Sturgeon Recovery Workgroup Update

- A draft work plan has been developed.
- Members and co-chairs of the committee have been identified and appointed.
- The budget for the committee is \$31K, of which there is currently a contract for 15K. Ken McDonald is working on raising the additional \$16K.

Bylaw Changes

- We are working to allow the Past President to be a voting member of the EXCOM (currently the position is a non-voting member of EXCOM). Joe Margraf and Eric Knudsen have discussed this and will create a motion to change the language in the bylaws. We will need to print this in the Tributary the issue before the Annual Meeting (it needs to be posted 30 days before it is voted on). We will vote on this item at the Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City.

Website (Mary)

- The new address for the website is wdafs.org. The new fees for the webspace is \$220/year. When we were getting space from AFS we were being charged approximately \$700/year. Mary is in the process of moving the information over to the new site.
- Eric requested that Mary link the current newsletter to the site.

Mexican Committee Formation

- The information for the formation of this committee will be in the Tributary. We have a list of possible committee members, although they have not been appointed yet. We also need to verify with the committee co-chairs. It was also suggested that we have a co-chair from the U.S. (Lourdes from the Cal-Neva chapter?).

New Business

- Mary asked the group what type of new information she should post on the website—drafts, current issues, new issues, etc? Also, when to post those items.
 - One comment was to be cautious about how we post “issues” on the website so the Division does not appear as an advocacy organization.

Next Teleconference: Tuesday, September 23rd, 2003 at 10a.m.