

**Western Division American Fisheries Society  
EXCOM Meeting  
July 18, 2006**

In attendance: Joe Margraf, Dave Ward, Bob Hughes, Keith Underwood (NPIC), Barry McPherson (Oregon), Scott Maclean (Alaska), Russ Kiefer (Idaho), Phaedra Budy (Bonneville), Laurie Martin (CO/WY), Scott Bryant (AZ/NM) Shelley Spaulding (Bull Trout), Wade Friedenbergs (Bull Trout).

**Quorum Established**

Minor revisions were made to the June 13, 2006 minutes. Barry McPherson moved and Scott Maclean seconded that the minutes be approved as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward summarized the current financial situation. Because of an accounting error, income from the annual meeting is expected to be about double that of previous estimates. The Division will realize an overall net gain for FY 2006.

**New Webmaster(s)**

President-elect Bob Hughes gave a brief status summary. The new webmasters are Paige Ackerman and Steve Bower.

**Bull Trout Committee**

Wade Fredenberg led a brief discussion regarding the lack of follow-through by the U.S. fish and Wildlife Service on the 5-year review of bull trout status. Bob Hughes moved and Dave Ward seconded that the letter drafted by the Bull Trout Committee (with some minor revisions already sent to President Joe Margraf) be signed by Joe and sent to the USFWS. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

There is a possibility that the Sustainable Fisheries Foundation will donate \$5,586 to the Division as part of the challenge grant for the Anchorage Meeting.

The request from the Southern Division for support (\$2,000) for a conference on reservoir management to be held in Atlanta was discussed briefly. Scott Bryant moved that the funds be granted. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The Mid-Year ExCom meeting will be held November 29-30 at the Edgefield Hotel just outside Portland, Oregon.

Chapter annual reports are due to the Parent Society August 11, so should be submitted to the division by August 7. Reports should cover the year up to May or June.

As part of the hurricane relief effort for the Southern Division, a journal collection is being donated to Mississippi by a member in Utah. The original plan was to use volunteers to move the journals via relay. After discussion, it was decided that the Utah Chapter would investigate shipping the journals instead. Phaedra Budy moved, and Bob Hughes seconded that the Division pay up to \$500 for shipping. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Next Conference Call**

The next conference call is scheduled for 8 August (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday rather than third) at 1230 MST, 1130 PST, and 1030 AST at 800-689-9401, \*3272720\*.