

Western Division American Fisheries Society
EXCOM Meeting
October 3, 2006

In attendance: Bob Hughes, Joe Margraf, Dave Ward, Eric Wagner, Patrick Goddard (Bonneville), Jeff McLain (CA/NV), Lori Martin (CO/WY), Jim Capurso (ID), Leanne Roulson (Montana), Keith Underwood (NPIC), Mike Reed (OR), Dave Manning (2007 Meeting).

Action Items

1. Joe Margraf will forward an MOU template to all ExCom members that the USGS has successfully used for allowing employees to serve as officers of professional societies while at work.
2. Jeff McClain will draft a letter for WDAFS consideration concerning the exemption of spring Chinook salmon from flow legislation.
3. Bob Hughes will pursue recovery of \$16,000 from the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians through legal means.
4. Bob Hughes, Joe Margraf, Dave Manning, and Jennifer Nielson will get together for a conference call to work out details for a MOU concerning the 2007 AFS annual meeting
5. Kajsa Stromberg and Ken McDonald will work on making more copies of the cutthroat documentary for distribution to W Div members.

Quorum Established

Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward briefly summarized the financial situation as of September 30, which was the end of fiscal year 2006. The division realized a net surplus of \$26,215.51 for the year, due to (1) higher than expected income from the annual meeting, (2) unforeseen contributions, and (3) late arrival of proceeds from the 2005 annual meeting.

The Division currently has a relatively high level of funds-on-hand.

Minutes from the August 8, 2006 ExCom teleconference were approved.

Governing Board Update

Past-President Joe Margraf updated the ExCom on resolutions introduced by the Division. Division resolutions to dissolve the Hawaii, Portland, Humboldt, and New Mexico State chapters were passed, as were resolutions to create Humboldt State University and Idaho State University (Portneuf) student subunits.

Resolutions that did not pass included (1) changing the profit sharing scenario for Parent Society meetings, (2) initiating a survey of political influence on science, and (3) reducing the size of chapter and subunit annual reports.

Joe noted that chapters can expect an increase in the quantity and quality of service from the Parent Society.

President-Elect Eric Wagner alerted us that the new AFS/ASIH names of fishes will capitalize all common names, and that AFS journals will follow suit. AFS is also initiating a new marine journal.

AFS National News

Alicia Reed is leaving with no word on a replacement. Gail Goldberg is now designated as subunit coordinator (301 397-8616 x201; ggoldberg@fisheries.org)

Western Native Fishes

Leanne Roulson updated the ExCom. The project has received good input and review of products from several states and from the EMAP group based in Corvallis, Oregon. Review is still needed for British Columbia, Mexico, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Yukon, Washington, and Wyoming.

Archives Update

President Bob Hughes suggested that ExCom members give archiving of records some thought for discussion at the November mid-year meeting.

Newsletter

President Hughes informed the ExCom that the next newsletter would be available in early to mid November. Persons with information to share should send it to Kajsa Stromberg. kstromberg@montana.edu.

Cutthroat Trout Documentary

Kajsa Stromberg and Ken McDonald are working on making more copies of the cutthroat documentary for distribution to members.

Bull Trout

The Bull Trout Committee is finishing up summarizing results from its survey and is planning on submitting an article to *Fisheries*.

Mid-Year ExCom Meeting

The ExCom will meet November 29-30 in the Mt Hood Room at the Edgefield Hotel just east of Portland, Oregon. The Edgefield is very conveniently located for those flying in, and has a restaurant, brew pub, winery, movie theater and more.

2007 Meeting

Dave Manning updated ExCom on the September 2007 Parent Society, Western Division, and Cal-Neva Chapter meeting to be held in San Francisco. The meeting budget was approved by the Parent Society, and includes a higher-than-normal registration fee of \$345 to cover costs associated with being in San Francisco. Room rates at the conference hotel will equal the federal per diem rate (\$130). An off-site event will be held at the Hyde Street Pier. Joe Margraf reminded us that the MOU for the meeting has yet to be signed.

2008 Meeting

Oregon Chapter President Mike Reed gave a brief update on the 2008 Western Division and Oregon Chapter meeting, to be held May 4-8 in Portland, Oregon. The hotel is connected directly to the airport and downtown Portland via light rail.

Next Meeting

The next teleconference will be on November 7 at 10:30 AM Alaska, 11:30 AM Pacific, and 12:30 PM Mountain times. Call-in number: 1-866-809-4014; Access code: 8972002#. Subsequent calls will also be the first Tuesday of each month unless decided otherwise.

