

**Western Division American Fisheries Society
EXCOM Teleconference
January 2, 2007**

In attendance: Bob Hughes, Scott Bonar, Dave Ward, Leanne Roulson (Montana), Keith Underwood (NPIC), Mike Reed (Oregon), Lori Martin (CO-WY), Jim Capurso (Idaho), Jamal Moss (Alaska), David Manning (Cal-Neva; 2007 Meeting Chair),

Quorum Established

Minutes from the November ExCom meeting in Portland were approved, pending addition of the AZ-NM Chapter report.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward summarized the proposed FY 2007 budget as approved by ExCom in November. Expenditures and income appear to be on track. Dave then summarized current account balances and reported that the Western Division remains in good financial shape.

Dave led the discussion on a proposed plan to re-distribute funds not expected to be needed in the checking account, but that should remain available in case of emergencies and would therefore not be appropriate for the Grant Endowment Fund. The plan calls for re-distributing these funds into 4, one-year CDs, so that one CD matures every 3 months, with the remaining funds kept in the savings account. Each of the four CDs and the savings account would eventually contain about \$10,000. The plan would take about one year to fully implement.

Dave asked that ExCom just take this idea under advisement for now, and be prepared to vote in February. The plan was received favorably. Discussion centered on clarifying the Division's cash flow needs.

2007 Annual Meeting

Dave Manning provided an update of the 2-6 September 2007 meeting to be held in San Francisco, co-hosted by the Parent Society, the Division, and the Cal-Neva Chapter. Planning continues to go well. The deadline for symposia proposals is January 12. February 9 is the deadline for papers and posters. The meeting website is being updated and improved. The Western Division ExCom meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning, September 2, and the Western Division business luncheon is scheduled for 12-2 Tuesday, September 4.

2008 Annual Meeting

Mike Reed gave a quick update on the 2008 meeting, meeting to be held May 4-8 in Portland, co-hosted by the Division and the Oregon Chapter. The off-site function will likely be held May 7 at the Oregon Zoo. The Zoo has expressed interest in providing a special experience for attendees because of its involvement in conservation issues.

2009 Annual Meeting

The AZ-NM Chapter is prepared to co-host the 2009 meeting in Albuquerque. President-Elect Scott Bonar moved that this proposal be accepted, and Dave Ward seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Idaho Chapter decided that it would prefer to co-host the 2011 or 2013 meeting in Boise. Jim Capurso reported that he would need to have final discussions with the Chapter ExCom. The Parent Society meeting will likely be in the Western Division in 2011.

The site for the 2010 meeting remains undecided.

Archives Report

Lori Martin discussed with the CO-WY ExCom the use of students from the CO/WY Chapter to help with scanning Western Division archives (currently housed in South Dakota); however, this has not been discussed yet with the student subunits.

Bull Trout Survey Report

The committee has nearly completed an article for *Fisheries*. A meeting is being scheduled with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss finalizing the draft Bull Trout Recovery Plan.

Columbia River BiOp Review

The deadline for the new biological opinion has been moved to July. The Western Division Ad-Hoc committee will be ready to review and comment when needed.

Next Teleconference

The next teleconference is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th, at 11:30 AM Pacific Time.