

Western Division American Fisheries Society
EXCOM Teleconference
June 12, 2007

In attendance: Bob Hughes, Eric Wagner, Scott Bonar, Joe Margraf, Dave Ward, Jamal Moss (AK), Jeff McLain (CA/NV), Dave Manning (CA/NV), Mike Reed (Oregon), Matt Kondratieff (CO/WY), Leanne Roulson (MT), Keith Underwood (NPIC), Pam Sponholtz (AZ/NM), Henry Booke (Investment Committee).

Quorum Established

Minutes from April and May teleconferences were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward gave a brief summary of the Division's expenditures and account balances.

Investment Committee

Henry Booke gave a brief summary of the near-term direction on the grant endowment fund (conservative).

2007 Annual Meeting

Dave Manning gave an update on the 2007 meeting in San Francisco. On-line registration is now active. All plans seem to be coming together. The hotel services are good, but expensive. Fund raising is going well, with over \$109,000 committed to date. The hotel room block has been exceeded. A "Cal Trout" day has been added to the agenda – with 500 children expected to take part in a fishing day in downtown San Francisco.

2008 and 2009 Annual Meetings

Mike Reed provided a brief update on the 2008 Western Division meeting scheduled for May 4-9 in Portland, Oregon. Pam Sponholtz provided a brief update on the 2009 Western Division meeting scheduled for May 3-7 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2011 Annual Meeting

ExCom briefly discussed possible sites for the 2011 meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the Parent Society meeting.

Western Native Fishes

Leanne Roulson provided an update on the WNF project. All maps have been generated and are in the database. The report is in progress. Revisions are still needed from British Columbia.

Reviewers are also need for the Mexico information. Volunteers are needed to help write some highlighting text. Additional funding will be required to develop a long-term mapping/distribution interactive database.

WDAFS Elections

The voting for Vice-President is open through June 30. Turnout is relatively high to date.

NPIC Annual Meeting

The North Pacific International Chapter meeting was held June 6-7 in Tacoma, Washington. Attendance was about 180. The primary topic of the business luncheon was the future of the Chapter.

2007 Awards

The Oregon Chapter was selected as the Division's nomination for Chapter of the Year. Most individual awards remain without nominations.

Miscellaneous

Rebates from the Parent Society are based on residence within state of regular members. The rebate is 3% of these dues.

Chapters should remember to provide contact information for incoming officers.

Burbot Symposium

The quorum was lost; therefore, no decision was made on sponsoring publication of the 2005 Burbot Symposium. This issue will be resolved during the next teleconference, after further information is received by contacting former ExCom members and reviewing past ExCom minutes.

Next Teleconference

The next teleconference will be July 3, 2007 at 11:30 AM Pacific time. The number is 866-809-4014, followed by 8972002#.