

**Western Division American Fisheries Society
ExCom Teleconference
December 11, 2007**

In attendance: Eric Wagner, Scott Bonar, Dave Ward, Paul Cowley (Utah), Dave Manning (CA/NV), Doug Young (Oregon), Eric Knudsen (NPIC), Amy Unthank (AZ/NM), Matt Kondratieff (Idaho), Bert Lewis (AK), Jim Tilmant (WNF).

Quorum Established

President's Report

President Eric Wagner reported that archiving of Western Division records is being implemented. Eric has 10 boxes of records and is working through them.

ExCom briefly discussed archives from individual chapters. The CO/WY chapter is exploring the use of the Spearfish Facility for chapter archives.

The 2008 meeting will be the Division's 60th anniversary.

Eric summarized the issue involving Idaho Chapter member Rob Van Kirk and the selenium toxicity findings concerning Simplot. No action by the Division is required.

Eric led a discussion on Division involvement/comments on the Columbia River hydropower system biological opinion and HR 1507, which mandates a fish passage/dam removal study by the National Science Foundation. No action will be taken as yet, but an ad-hoc committee may be formed to investigate further and provide comments. Eric will forward pertinent information to chapter presidents.

Newsletter

Newsletter items should be forwarded to Kajsa Stromberg. Newsletters will be published in January, April, and August, 2008. The January issue (and website) will include information on grant proposals.

Western Division Native Fishes

Jim Tilmant provided an update of the project. The completion report is finished, which fulfills funding requirements. The database is available on CDs. Many color maps are included. The University of Redlands is still seeking a student to help with interactive maps. \$20,000 has been solicited from the Fishery Conservation Fund to aid completion of the project, with no response yet. The Division will likely need small contributions from a number of sources to complete the project.

2008 Annual Meeting

Response to the call for symposia has been overwhelming. Most slots have been filled. Based on the response, attendance could exceed all expectations. Planning continues to proceed well. Doug summarized the electronic registration service that will be used.

Eric pointed out that the meeting needs to be more prominent on the website – at the top of the list

Treasurer's Report

Minutes from the October 19, 2007 teleconference were approved.

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward summarized the Division's expenditures and account balances. Dave completed the CD tree, so that the Division now has four, one-year CDs, maturing at 3-month intervals.

Dave Manning gave an update of finances from the San Francisco meeting. Final figures and payouts should be available soon.

AFS Policies

ExCom discussed the economic growth policy. Eric will let the Parent Society know that the Division is interested in this issue and wants input. No separate Division policy will be needed if the Division has input to the Parent Society policy.

The Parent Society has an existing instream flow policy; therefore, no Division policy is needed.

Next Teleconference

The next teleconference will be January 8, 2008 at 10:30 AM Pacific time.