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AND TRUST TERRITORIES

FROM: David C. Burns, President
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TO: AFS Executive Committee

RE: 1991 Mid-term Report

ACTION ITEMS: NONE.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Chapter Highlights

Most Chapters are active with annual meetings as I write this. Most business is still pending.

Alaska Chapter - President Gary Sanders

The annual meeting was in Homer, last November. A great deal of the agenda was devoted to the effects of the oil spill. The Chapter has been in touch with Lee Redmond regarding establishing a local F.I.S.H. organization.

Arizona-New Mexico - President David Propst

The annual meeting was held in Farmington, N.M., in late January. It was a joint meeting with the The Wildlife Society. The Chapter is concerned about the Animas-La Plata Water Development Project.

Bonneville Chapter - President Tim Modde

The annual meeting will be in Wendover, Nevada in February.

California-Nevada Chapter - President Don Erman

The annual meeting was held in San Francisco in February. The Chapter is active in listing processes for the winter chinook, delta smelt and giant garter snake. The continuing education activities of the Chapter leave them in excellent financial condition. They are active in review of the proposed California Fish and Wildlife Protection Act. They jointly sponsored a chinook-coho symposium with the Humbolt Chapter, which they plan to publish.

Colorado State University Chapter - President Richard Henderson

The Chapter sponsors multiple guest speakers at the University. It is organizing a Colorado Wyoming Ice Fishing Tournament and several other social events.

Colorado-Wyoming Chapter - President Mike Stone

The Chapters annual meeting will be in March in Laramie, Wyoming. The Chapter has actively corresponded on a number of political issues and has kept the Division informed.

Hawaii Chapter - President Bob Iverson

The Chapter is planning a meeting in late May along with the Pacific Science Congress in Honolulu. They are doing all the work for a jointly sponsored session with the Division. They have been in touch with Lee Redmond regarding organizing a local F.I.S.H.

Humboldt Chapter - President Jerry Barnes

The Chapter's annual meeting is in the works.

Idaho Chapter - President Al Van Vooren

The Chapter's annual meeting will occur at the same time as the AFS mid-term, in Boise, Idaho. The Chapter has had a representative at the Columbia River "Salmon Summit" meetings following petitions to list five groups of fish. The Chapter has been actively corresponding with EPA regarding hatchery discharges in cooperation with the Idaho Aquaculture Association. They are working on printing a 1991 edition of the Intermountain Fisheries Abstracts. They received a grant to print an educational poster on cutthroat trout. They are sponsoring a stream hydrology workshop in March.

Montana Chapter - President Chris Hunter

The Chapter's annual meeting was in Missoula in February. They presented several awards, including one to the confederated Salish-Kootenia tribes for outstanding fisheries work. They have been active in the Clark Fork River water quality issues, Montana wilderness legislation, a grazing audit to be published in Fisheries and a timber sale appeal. They sponsored a negotiations workshop in February. Their membership committee continues to be very active and frames AFS certificates free for those who get certified. They have produced a "Montana Fisheries - For Everyone Forever" poster and a new grayling belt buckle. They have granted funding for several projects including a grayling study, because Montana contains the last two known populations of fluvial grayling in the lower U.S.A. They are also active in many other areas, including development of slide shows for Project Wild and a new educational poster on fish ecology for distribution to schools.

New Mexico State University Chapter - President Keith Gido

The Chapter has set up information booths on campus, assisted in stream improvement on the Lincoln National Forest. assisted in a bass study on Caballo Lake, hosted guest speakers, and raised funds for a spring field trip.

North Pacific International Chapter - President Pete Bisson

The Chapter's annual meeting will be held in March in Penticton, B.C. Canada. The Chapter is working on improving relations with Canadian members. It is raising funds to produce a slide show on responsible use of oil around aquatic environments using material from the Exxon spill in Alaska. They have tried to provide information regarding the listing of Columbia salmon to interested parties.

Oregon Chapter - President Dan Bottom

The Chapter's annual meeting was in Gleneden Beach, Oregon. They are publishing the proceedings of the last three year's main sessions in cooperation with the Forest Service. They are active in following state legislation, the Columbia salmon issues, and several Forest Service timber sale issues.

Portland Chapter - President Bob Hooton

The Chapter holds luncheon meetings.

University of Wyoming Student Chapter - President Dan O'Shea

They are presumably trying to attend the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter meeting in Laramie.

Committee Highlights

Committees were given their charges in August through October. They include, 1991 Program, Membership, Time & Place, 1989-90 Audit, Awards, Nominations, Newsletter, Environmental Concerns, Resolutions, Threatened and Endangered Species, Habitat Inventory Procedures, 1990-91 Audit, Public Affairs, Equal Opportunities, Riparian, Native American Fisheries and Marine Fisheries.

1991 Program - Chair Don Chase

The meeting is being hosted by the Montana Chapter in Bozeman during the week of July 17. Sponsors include the U.S. Forest Service, BLM, Montana Riparian Association, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Low cost facilities will be available at the Montana State University campus. A tentative agenda will appear in the Tributary which should be in the mail by mid-term.

Membership - Chair Glenn Phillips

Chapters have been asked to provide contacts, recruitment goals and were provided recruitment information including target libraries.

Newsletter - Editor Roger Ovink

The Tributary was converted to newsprint. Expectations are for a savings of \$500 - \$1000 per year. Roger continues an outstanding effort.

Environmental Concerns - Chair Randy Bailey

The committee tracked down some information on a Forest Service personnel issue and is looking into some Colorado water issues.

Resolutions - Chair Dennis Tol

Dennis developed guidelines for the Division to use for its 1991 meeting. These will be distributed to the WDAFS executive committee.

Equal Opportunities - Chair Ken Hashagen

Correspondence has started regarding the creation of a "Mexican" Chapter.

Riparian - Chair Wayne Elmore

The committee is organizing for a 1991 riparian challenge award. The award will be given to a land management agency demonstrating good riparian management.

Native American Fisheries - Chair Joe DoSantos

The committee is developing a session for the annual meeting and looking into the finances from the Seattle workshop held two years ago.

Marine Fisheries - Chair Mike Fraidenburg

The committee is developing session for the annual meeting.

Other Activities

Warm Water Symposium

Our member, Jim Cooper is well on his way to a goodymeeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 4-8, 1991. The Division is a co-sponsor.

Treasurers Report

Lynn Starnes is trying to sort out the Division's several accounts. We have at least three, not counting one which may have been established for the Native American Fisheries Committee. Lynn hopes to get the accounts under more rigorous control.