

2000 End-of-the-year Report

TO: Christine Moffitt, President, AFS

FROM: Ken Hashagen, President, Western Division

DATE: August 14, 2000

I. Action

Action Requested: None

Recommended Motion: None

Minority View: None

Background for Motion: Not Applicable

II. Outcome or Accomplishments in Relation to the Society's Strategic Plan

Charge or Annual Program of Work: Not Applicable

Outcome and Accomplishments Organized by Major Goal in Strategic Plan with appropriate subgoal referenced:

Information Transfer and Outreach:

ITO1.1 The Division President and the Cal-Neva Chapter President met with the new Director of the California Department of Fish and Game and his Science Advisor to introduce the Society, Division, and Chapter to the Department leadership. Among the topics discussed was the need for and benefits of certification.

ITO 1.2 In an effort to increase the number of Western Division member who have received certification, the Division proposed a Certification Challenge to the chapters. Three chapters, Alaska, Oregon, and Cal-Neva, accepted the challenge. The chapter certifying the greatest number of members will be recognized at the Division's annual meeting in Telluride. All members becoming certified will be eligible for a drawing for an all expenses paid trip to Phoenix for the annual meeting next year.

ITO 1.8 The Division was represented (Hashagen) at a meeting of the U. C. Davis student subunit and the Cal-Neva Chapter. The purpose of the meeting was to increase the recruitment and retention of student members. Hashagen spoke of the benefits of AFS membership. Other speakers addressed job opportunities and hiring procedures. Free pizza and soft drinks were provided. Cal-Neva agreed to pay \$20 toward the cost of a student membership for any student joining AFS that evening. Eighteen students accepted the offer. Dr. Joe Cech and Dr. Peter Moyle are strong supporters of AFS and a the subunit sponsors.

ITO 2.2 The Division has reviewed and taken positions on the removal of the Snake River dams, the Plum Creek EIR, the Forests and Fish Plan, and the Bull Trout Committee has developed a protocol for sampling bull trout.

Member Services:

MS 1.1 The Western Division provided continuing education opportunities for its members by offering workshops at its annual meeting in Telluride in July. Workshops included Fish Population Modeling, Riparian Function, and Fisheries Statistics. The Fish Population Modeling Workshop was presented in conjunction with the Fish Management Section.

MS 1.5 Eric Knudsen, Western Division Vice President, proposed that the Management Team consider restructuring the membership fees for students and recently hired biologists to improve retention of this group of AFS members. The Management Team passed the proposal to the full Governing Board at the mid year meeting. First Vice President Ken Beal has been asked to further develop the proposal for presentation to the Governing Board at the St. Louis meeting.

MS 2.1 The program and the poster session at the annual meeting in Telluride, organized by Bill Bradshaw, also provided continuing education opportunities for Western Division members.

MS 3.1 Under the direction of web master Allen Bingham, the Western Division has maintained an excellent and informative web page during the year. Minutes of the periodic Executive Committee meetings are posted promptly, as is the material that is published in The Tributary, the Division's newsletter. Information on the annual meeting was available well in advance of the actual meeting. The Division President uses frequent emails to communicate with the chapters and Division officers.

MS 4.1 The Division supported the EEO Section (\$500 grant) to sponsor a student to attend the annual meeting in St. Louis. The EEO grant was adopted as a budget line item during the 2000 business meeting.

Aquatic Stewardship:

AS 2.5 In an effort to promote aquatic stewardship, the Division has made a series of grants in 1999-2000:

A. To the US Forest Service, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, \$500 for a four-panel exhibit illustrating pre and post habitat conditions on Gumboot Creek post flooding and road and instream restoration activities.

B. A total of \$400 to support the International Fisheries Section and the Third World Fisheries Congress.

C. To the Humboldt Chapter, \$1,000 to support their education program.

D. To Dr. Peter Moyle, \$1,500 to help pay for a special color insert in the reprint of his book "Fishes of California".

E. To the Society, to support the Transactions Catch-up Fund, \$2,000.

III Financial Status (This information is needed by the Director of Administration and Finance to confirm the Society's non-profit status. Please provide the total financial standing of your Section or Division. A detailed break down is not necessary).

The Western Division currently maintains a bank balance of approximately \$ 91,000

