

determine the future of this type of discussion group to be sponsored by our Division.

*The Report of the Southern Division* was presented by Alex B. Montgomery, President.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held in Asheville, North Carolina during the week of 24 October. We anticipate an excellent program covering a wide range of marine and freshwater fishery subjects and wish to extend an invitation to each of you to attend if possible.

On 1 May 1966, the Southern Division had a 660 total membership. Since October 1965, 104 new members have joined. However, a recent revision of the mailing list revealed that a rather large number of members had to be dropped for being delinquent in payment of their 1966 dues. This matter, which is of concern to all of us, will be discussed at our forthcoming meeting.

The Reservoir Committee of the Southern Division met in Atlanta on 9 August. The meeting was attended by 13 committee members and 11 guests who discussed, among other projects, the data from last September's Douglas Reservoir rotenone study. The results of statistical analysis of these data will be reported at the Reservoir Symposium next April.

A subcommittee of the Reservoir Committee reports that plans are being finalized for the International Reservoir Symposium to be held on 4-7 April 1967 at the University of Georgia. The program includes papers on all aspects of reservoir and tailwater research and management. A flyer will be sent out in the near future in which the Program Committee requests pre-registration in order that conferees may be sent unedited copies of the papers prior to the meeting.

In accordance with recently approved policy and procedure for membership drives, Donald Cegan was appointed as Chairman, Membership Committee of the Southern Division. Don recently reported that Committee members have been appointed in all states in the Division.

*The Report of the Western Division* was presented by Alex McKrea, President.

The Western Division of the American Fisheries Society held its 18th annual meeting in Butte, Montana from 12 to 15 July 1966 in conjunction with the Western Association of State Fish and Game Commissioners 46th annual conference. The 1967 meeting is scheduled for next July in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Western Division President, Fred E. Locke, expressed the regrets of President I. B. Byrd when the sudden Airlines strike prevented his attendance at the meeting as planned.

The technical sessions, arranged by the Program Committee under the Chairmanship of Arthur N. Whitney, Montana Fish and Game, were well attended and covered a wide range of fisheries subjects. Multiple water use and water pollution in their relationship to fish habitat, emerged as the dominant theme of the sessions. There were some 15 interesting and revealing presentations on these subjects. It seems plain that the widespread increasing concern about the use and abuse of water is occurring none too soon.

The business meeting was held July 12th with

annual meeting of our Society. In their behalf, I extend to you a personal invitation to attend our next annual meeting which will be held in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, tentative date 13 December 1966.

The 10th annual meeting of our Division was held in Lansing, Michigan, on 6, 7, and 8 December 1965, in conjunction with the 26th meeting of the Midwest Wildlife Conference. The technical sessions: Chemicals and Parasites, Fish Management, Cold Water Fishes and Great Lakes, and Fish Biology provided interesting and thought-provoking ideas and discussions. Chemicals in fish control, water level fluctuations, introduction of exotics, and use of predators were the fish management approaches which received most attention.

Although over 200 were in attendance at some of the fisheries sessions, only 64 members from 12 states and two provinces of Canada attended the business meeting of the Division. President Kenneth Loftus presided at this meeting which recognized as special guests Fred Westerman and Edward Schneberger, Past Presidents of the Parent Society, Lloyd Smith (1st Vice-President), E. A. Seaman (2nd Vice-President), and Robert Hurton (Executive Secretary) of the Society, Dick Stroud of the Sport Fishing Institute, and Past Presidents of the N.C.D., Edward Starrett, and Gerald Cooper.

Shelby Gerking, a member of the International Biological Program's Committee on Productivity of Freshwater Communities, discussed a symposium to be held in England, September, 1966, on the Biological Basis of Freshwater Fish Production.

First Vice-President of the American Fisheries Society, Lloyd Smith, reported the employment of an Executive Secretary, setting page charges for the *Transactions*, and the membership increase as the major accomplishment of the Parent Society in the year, 1964-1965.

Second Vice-President of the Society was extended the Division's thanks for his past service as unpaid Secretary-Treasurer, and Edwin Cooper, Editor of the *Transactions*, explained details of the newly imposed page charges.

Bob Hurton was introduced and given the opportunity to explain the duties and responsibilities of his position, and to present some of the newer news items of the Society.

I believe two of the Resolutions passed by the North Central Division are especially deserving of attention by the Parent Society: one to encourage the federal authorities to seek ways of strengthening research by state and provincial agencies, and for the establishment of a Pollution Committee within the Society to study the objectives and achievements of pollution control programs, clearly define water quality standards required to maintain desirable fish populations, and present this data in such a manner that other water users can recognize the importance of these standards for their uses also.

An effort toward Student Recognition is to be initiated by the Division at the 1966 Midwest Wildlife Conference. Each year the host state will invite a student to present a paper at the Annual Meeting and honor him, or her, with a special place on the program.

The Division is also initiating a farm pond meeting at which Dr. George Bennett will act as discussion leader. The interest shown by our membership will

