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1982 Annual Report

August 13, 1982

TO: Executive Committee
American Fisheries Society

FROM: Donald A. Duff, President, 1982-83
Bob White, President, 1981-82

The Western Division (WD) continued its active programs during 1981-82 under the leadership of President Robert White. A total of 15 committees with 118 members were active during this year's term. WDAFS membership continued to be the largest within AFS with 2,291 members. The Division also has the following membership: 222 libraries, 10 official, 2 associates, and 20 sustaining memberships.

The Division treasury is in better shape than it has been in the past. Current status as of July 21, 1982, is:

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| \$1,659.04 | - July 1981 balance |
| 7,118.06 | - Deposits 1981-82 |
| <u>5,278.08</u> | - Expenditures 1981-82 |
| \$3,499.02 | Balance |

The 1981 annual meeting was held July 19-22, 1982, in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the Tropicana Hotel. It was held jointly with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) with the theme as "The Allocation of Natural Resources on Public Lands - The Challenge of the '80's."

It was a successful meeting and fisheries topics were integrated into the overall general and technical sessions. Executive Director Carl Sullivan participated in panel discussions with federal fish and wildlife and land management agency directors and conservation organization directors. A copy of the WDAFS program agenda and abstracts was sent to AFS EXCOM members for information. A total of six fisheries technical sessions were held covering topics of endangered species, marine fisheries, fish culture and management, aquatic habitat management, and impacts from low-head hydro, mining, livestock grazing, and timber activities.

Stan Moberly, Program Chairman 1983, has already begun planning for the 1983 meeting with WAFWA President Don Dexter, Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The 1983 joint annual meeting will be held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, on July 10-14, 1983.

Table 1 shows the officers and committee members for the 1981-82 year. Committee chairman and members will carry over into 1982-83, if they so desire, to maintain continuity of the program in order to complete their assignments in a more efficient manner. New members will be added, as appropriate, by the EXCOM and member request.

The 1982-83 WDAFS EXCOM taking office and as elected at the annual meeting are:

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Six resolutions were submitted by John Peters, Chairman, Resolutions Committee, and approved at the business meeting. The six resolutions dealt with the following subjects:

1. Transfer of Public Water Rights on Public Lands.
2. Amendment to Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act.
3. Canadian Management of Chinook Salmon.
4. Alter Continental Shelf Revenue-Sharing for Fisheries Programs.
5. Recommendations Regarding Changes in Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
6. The Effect in Compensation and Mitigation for Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The Water Development and Streamflow Committee finalized the draft AFS policy statement on "Effects of River and Streamflow Alteration on Fishery Resources." It was approved by the AFS Environmental Concerns Committee and published in "Fisheries." John Peters (CO), Christopher Estes (AK), and other committee members are commended for a job well done.

The Riparian Habitat Committee Chairman, Gordon Haugen, finalized the draft of "Best Management Practices for the Management and Protection of Western Riparian Ecosystems." Publication of 1,000 copies of the paper is scheduled for the fall of 1982, with distribution to federal and state land management agencies charged with management of

these resources, as well as conservation groups and Congressional leaders. The committee is also working toward finalization of a 35 mm slide-tape module to illustrate riparian problems and management efforts. Ron Remmick (WY) is chairing this sub-committee effort.

The committee is monitoring, through Chapter help, the status of Forest Service and BLM riparian management and is preparing for an official tour of Idaho National Forest riparian area management problems in September 1982 with the Chief, Forest Service, and conservation groups as a followup to a similar 1980 tour. The Chief, USFS, stated at the 1982 WDAFS annual meeting that he will schedule a national riparian tour of three USFS western Regions (Pacific Northwest, Intermountain, and Southwestern) in FY 1983 to evaluate this problem with AFS help. Carl Sullivan has been of great assistance in representing this Division and the national problem to the USFS. We appreciate his efforts.

The Threatened and Endangered Species Committee, Chairman John Rinne (AZ), queried all state agencies about their T/E program. This information will be summarized in 1982-83. A mini-symposium on culture and management of T/E species was presented at the annual meeting and consideration is being given to publishing these papers in the NAJFM or other journals. Committee members Rinne and Jim Johnson (NM) co-authored an article in "Fisheries," entitled, "The Endangered Species Act and Southwest Fishes."

The Division's sponsored AFS belt buckle project was finalized and buckles offered for first sales at the annual meeting. Some 64 buckles were sold in initial sales, totaling \$643+ toward the AFS Permanent Home Building Fund. Sales of the 500 buckles are anticipated to do well at the AFS 1982 annual meeting and forthcoming Chapter meetings.

Stan Moberly's Membership Committee was very active. It promoted library, sustaining, and associate memberships for AFS, as well as coordinating with Chapters for AFS recruitment. As of June 25, 1982, of 40 AFS life memberships sold, 21 were from the Division. Fourteen (14) of the 40 AFS life memberships were a direct result of this Committee's contacts. Five library memberships were brought in by the Committee. Formation of a Hawaiian Chapter was finalized and paperwork sent to the Executive Director's office for processing. We recommend its approval by the AFS EXCOM in September. Stan personally contacted every Hawaiian member and was instrumental in getting the Hawaii Chapter formed. Phil Pister (CA) and Don Duff (UT) have contacted AFS members in northern Mexico with hope of forming a Chapter in 1983 with ties to New Mexico, Arizona, California, and the Desert Fishes Council (DFC). Discussions regarding affiliation of the DFC with AFS are continuing. The Membership Concerns and Student Concerns Committees, chaired by David Bennett (ID) and James Reynolds (AK), respectively, were active in providing the Division with membership and roles materials which will assist the Division in future program operations. As a result, the Division plans to strengthen its role of informing and assisting Chapter and members in their programs. Emphasis will be continued in making the Chapters the focal point of the Division activities.

The Division Newsletter, "The Tributary," was published three times in 1981-82 at a cost of \$2,063. Only two editions are planned for the 1982-83 year in an effort to improve on quality and quantity of material to members. Editor Glenn Phillips (MT) will accept news items for the two issues, if they are received by the October 20 and April 20 deadlines.

The Awards Committee, Chairman Jack Griffith (ID) prepared awards criteria for the Division. At the 1982 annual meeting, two awards were given. The Oregon Chapter received a traveling trophy plaque for its efforts in the successful passage of riparian area management tax reforms by the Oregon Legislature, as well as its efforts in Pacific Northwest anadromous fish programs and power planning councils, audio-visual aids, brochures on small hydropower projects, and its increasing role in bio-political activities. The Divisions Award of Excellence was awarded Phil Pister (CA) for his dedicated efforts in AFS internationalism with Mexico, and his past accomplishments and initiatives in T/E species management in California, and the Desert Fishes Council.

During the annual meeting, a poster display area was set up and some 15 posters/exhibits were set up. Dr. Allen Binns (WY) was awarded a monetary prize for his winning display on stream habitat improvement in Wyoming.

The untimely passing of Bob Borovicka (OR) saddened the Division and AFS. Bob was well-loved and respected in the fisheries profession and the AFS for his active involvement at all levels. His passing will leave a void in our ranks, but he will not be forgotten. The Division has dedicated its 1982 annual meeting, the Portland Habitat Symposium (1981), and the Habitat Workshop (1982) in Wyoming to his memory.

The Aquatic Habitat Inventory and Utilization Symposium held October 1981 under Chairman Neil Armantrout is in the process of being published. Sales will be by the Executive Director's office at \$20 per copy, beginning this fall, hopefully.

Planning was finalized for the Rocky Mountain Stream Habitat Management Workshop to be held September 8-10, 1982, in Jackson, Wyoming, under Chairman Bob Wiley (WY). About 75 participants will attend and limited proceedings will be sold (\$20/copy) on a first-come, first-serve basis. Proceedings will be in a 3-inch, 3-ring binder. The Division has given approval to hold similar regional workshops on this subject with Chapters being the organizer and receiving Division support.

Activities of Chapters have been numerous and all deserve commendation for increasing AFS professional visibility in the environmental area. For example, the Bonneville Chapter's efforts in 35 mm slide-tape modules in T/E fish, livestock grazing, and non-game fish, along with its brochure on non-game fish management, as well as its Chapter belt buckle project, deserve recognition. The Humboldt's Chapter efforts in anadromous fish/habitat management symposium and tee-shirt projects for fund raising are a credit to the Division. Activities of other Chapters are too numerous to report here, but all have contributed in large and small ways to increasing AFS visibility.

The Division has had excellent programs from all its Chapters and has been involved in many other activities including telegrams to Congressmen in support of key western fisheries issues, letters to state-federal agencies on management concerns, D-J expansion efforts, and representation at national symposia.

Report submitted by Donald Duff, President, 1982-83.

TABLE 1.

1981-82 COMMITTEES OF THE WESTERN DIVISION AFS:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Bob White, Montana (President)
 Don Duff, Utah (President-Elect)
 Gordon Haugen, Oregon (Immediate
 Past President)
 Pat Graham, Montana (Secretary-
 Treasurer)
 Fred Everest, Oregon (Representative
 to Parent Society Nominating
 Committee)

1982 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Chairman: Don Duff, Utah
 Phil Pister, California
 Stan Moberly, Alaska
 Gordon Haugen, Oregon
 John Turner, California
 Neil Armantrout, Oregon
 Ron Goede, Utah
 John Rinne, Arizona
 Dale Becker, Washington
 Paul Cuplin, Colorado

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Jack Griffith, Idaho
 Chuck Campbell, Oregon
 Bill Miller, Utah

RIPARIAN HABITAT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Gordon Haugen, Oregon
 Jim Cooper, California
 Art Anderson, Wyoming
 Gerry Taylor, British Columbia
 Doug Albin, California
 Don C. Erman, California
 Dudley Reiser, Colorado
 Mary Bacon, California
 Tom Jackson, Colorado
 Kerry Overton, California
 Chris L. McAuliffe, Nevada
 Errol Claire, Oregon
 Willis Evans, California
 Allen Thomas, Idaho
 Bob Behnke, Colorado
 W.C. Bemis, California
 Bill Platts, Idaho
 Don Bartschi, Wyoming
 Lou Carufel, Alaska
 C.E. Cushing, Wisconsin
 Don Duff, Utah

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mary McAfee, Colorado
 Randy VanBuran, Colorado
 Walt Burkard, Colorado

WATER DEVELOPMENT AND STREAMFLOW
COMMITTEE

Chairman: Christopher Estes, Alaska
 Keith Bayha, Alaska
 Paul Brouha, Montana
 Ken Knudson, Montana
 Peter McCart, Alberta
 Chuck Newcombe, British Columbia
 John Orsborn, Washington
 John Peters, Colorado
 Bill Platts, Idaho
 Jesse Purvis, Utah
 Robert Raleigh, Idaho
 Dudley Reiser, Colorado
 John Rinne, Arizona
 Tom Wesche, Wyoming
 Robert White, Montana

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Gordon Haugen, Oregon
 Ron Marcoux, Montana
 Bob Wiley, Wyoming
 Osborne Casey, Nevada

STUDENT CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Jim Reynolds, Alaska

MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Chairman: David Bennett, Idaho
 Randall Tullis, Wyoming
 Hiram Li, Oregon
 H. Richard Carlson, Alaska
 Gary Scopettone, California
 Kerry Overton, California

PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Bob Borovicka, Oregon
 Gerry Taylor, British Columbia
 Don C. Erman, California
 Paul Cuplin, Colorado
 Dave Cross, California
 Art Anderson, Wyoming
 Tom Jackson, Colorado
 Kerry Overton, California
 Allen Thomas, Idaho

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Chairman: Glenn Phillips, Montana
Bob White, Montana

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman: Stan Moberly, Alaska
Steve Grabacki, Alaska
Robert Ruesink, Utah
Wayne Hadley, Montana
Brian Alice, Oregon
Kerry Lucké, Wyoming
John Turner, California

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman: John Peters, Colorado
Randy Bailey, Oregon
Bob L. Borovicka, Oregon
Don W. Sada, Nevada
Allen E. Bingham, Idaho
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SELF-EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Ron Goede, Utah
Bob Wiley, Wyoming
Bill Platts, Idaho
Gordon Haugen, Oregon
Kirt Beiningen, Oregon

MARINE FISHERIES COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mic Griben, Washington

ENDANGERED SPECIES COMMITTEE

Chairman: John Rinne, Arizona
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Neil Armantrout, Oregon
Will Barber, Alaska
Jim Brooks, Arizona
Jerry Burton, Arizona
Al Elser, Montana
Mike Hatch, New Mexico
Jim Johnson, New Mexico
Gail Kobetich, California
Jim LaBounty, Colorado
Dave Langlois, Colorado
Paul Marsh, Arizona
Bill Miller, Utah
Phil Pister, California
Randy Radant, Utah
Don Sada, Nevada
Pete Stein, Washington
Mike Stone, Wyoming
Jack Williams, California