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TO: AFS Executive Committee

FROM: S. A. Moberly, President *HAM*

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SUBJECT: WESTERN DIVISION SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

This ~~mid-term report~~ summarizes the activities of the Western Division from July 1983 (the annual conference) to the mid-term American Fisheries Society Executive Committee meeting, ~~March 1984~~. Many of the divisions' committee chairmen agreed to remain in their positions (list enclosed). This provides continuity from the previous year and speaks well to the commitment of the committee chairmen. Enclosed also is the list of Western Division chapter presidents and the Executive Committee.

The Western Division has always had a high profile with regard to riparian habitat issues, and this presently continues. Planned for October 10-12, 1984, is the Pacific Northwest Stream Habitat Workshop. This workshop is the fourth in a series of continuing national workshops that are held at two-year intervals to discuss salmonid stream and habitat management. This workshop will concentrate on anadromous salmonids along the Pacific coast. Previous workshops include those held in 1979 in Stevens Point, WI; 1980 in Asheville, NC; and 1982 in Jackson, WY.

The Sport Fish Research Foundation, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the American Fisheries Society, as well as others, have assisted in co-sponsoring these workshops. Previous co-sponsors have indicated a continuing need to discuss stream habitat management methods in various geographical areas of North America in future years, at two-year intervals; hence, the Western Division has organized this workshop to continue the series. Immediate Past President, Don Duff, is coordinating the effort, and the 1984 workshop will be held at Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA, and will be hosted by the Humboldt Chapter.

The Western Division also has the lead in the development of a standard glossary of terms and technology for stream and lake surveys in the western states. Dr. Helm (ID) and Paul Brouha (MT) are leading this effort. All the directors of state and federal land management agencies in the western United States have been contacted and solicited for support. Of 43 letters sent out recently, roughly half of the agencies have responded; all have been positive. This glossary will provide definition and methods at minimum levels for stream and lake survey techniques that can be used by fisheries agencies throughout the west, for planning, implementing, and analyzing stream and lake fisheries data. AFS EXCOMM suggestions as to how funding can be secured would be helpful.

In addition to this Habitat Inventory Committee and the Western Division Public Lands Committee (Dave Cross, MT), Riparian Habitat Committee (Don Martin, ID), and Water Development and Streamflow Committee (Dudley Reiser, CA and Tom Wesche, WY) continue to be active. The latter committee is working on the Western Division Small Hydro Position Statement and expects to include it in the program for the July conference. Also, a symposium for small hydro is planned for 1985.

The Western Division has a new editor this year, Bob Phillips (OR), who has done an outstanding job and has agreed to continue through this coming year. The next issue of the Newsletter will be sent out in April. At that time, ballots will be distributed also. During these past two years, past Western Division President, Bob White, and his Bylaws Committee, have initiated the necessary changes in the bylaws to bring into conformance with division's wishes to conduct business.

Included in these changes is the election of a First Vice President. This will give the Western Division another executive officer and greater continuity, as officers advance to President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President. The Vice President will be the division's Membership Chairman and Program Chairman for the annual conference and in the following year will serve as President-Elect. The Immediate Past President chairs the Nomination Committee and co-chairs the Awards Committee. All of these changes provide for greater continuity, from one year to the next, in running the division's business.

Over the years, the Western Division has developed a very cordial and productive working relationship with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, our co-hosts for the annual conference. This relationship was further solidified by unanimous approval of a Memorandum of Understanding by the Western Association directors at their mid-term meeting that was held recently in Denver. The Western Division is a nonvoting member of the Western Association, and these new guidelines provide that the Western Division Chairman of the Time and Place Committee, Resolutions Committee, Awards Committee, and Program Arrangements Committee will be members of their companion committees in the Western Association. The coordinating document (enclosed) also provides for greater cooperation and coordination in several other areas.

The Programs Committee, under the leadership of President-Elect Neil Armantrout, has worked diligently and closely with the Western Association folks to give the 1984 conference attendees a really great program. This year's conference is being held in beautiful, and very British, Victoria, B.C. Neil will gladly supply additional information to those that may plan to attend. The 1985 conference will be held in Aspen, CO.

The Western Division's Marine Committee has not been as active this past few months as it has been previously, because Chairman Gary Sakagawa is carefully searching for his replacement to head the committee. The committee has been working on a position paper on salmonid management along the Pacific coast and will present the positions at the July conference.

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The committee, this past fall, worked with the division, Marine Section, and North Pacific International Chapter to sponsor the first ever participation by the American Fisheries Society at the Fish Expo in Seattle, WA. The event is covered in the latest issue of Fisheries, Volume 9, Number 1, page 52. The next venture planned along this line is to duplicate this effort (and success) at Fish Expo on the east coast that will be held at Boston in 1984.

The Audio-Visual Committee continues to be chaired by Mike Johnson (CA), and that committee plans to complete and publish the guidelines for preparation of slide tape modules. The Endangered Species Committee, again led by John Rinne, continues to be active; updating fish species status throughout the western division states. The remainder of the committees in the division (Membership Concerns, Dave Bennett, ID; Time and Place, Ross Peterson, BC; Membership, Steve Grabacki, AK; Student Concerns, Jim Reynolds, AK; Resolutions, John Peters, CO; and Audit, Bob House, OR) are actively carrying out their various duties and charges from the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee itself has been active also. Between the five officers, the Executive Committee has covered most of the chapter meetings. It is difficult to cover all the territory each year, and the only sensible approach is to tackle the job by the committee as a whole. Don Duff and Neil Armantrout have been the most active in giving the division exposure at the chapter meetings. The Alaska Chapter was honored to have the International President, Janice Hughes, attend their conference in Soldotna this last November.

The division is helping sponsor the Federation of Fly Fishers, of Englewood, CO, as a sustaining member of the Society. We welcome this new member. The Great Plains Fisheries Workers Association donated over \$500 to the AFS Permanent Home Fund recently. The money was raised by an auction of fishing and hunting equipment donated by the association members. The auction was held at their annual meeting. We are very grateful for this contribution and hope that the Western Division can sponsor this association as another new sustaining member of the society.

Work is continuing to form a Mexican chapter. Neil Armantrout is leading this effort, and we hope to add Mexico as a Western Division chapter in the near future.

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