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March 5, 1985

To: Division Officers and Chairs

From: WDAFS President

Enclosed is a copy of the Western Division ~~midterm report~~ submitted to International for the Executive Committee Meeting. I am also enclosing an updated version of chapter officers. Again, I would appreciate any corrections or revisions. I would especially appreciate any information on Student Chapter officers.

In my last letter I asked for ~~votes on three issues~~. The first was a contribution for symposium expenses. The vote was a bare majority in favor. Because of a lack of strong support, I told the organizers we would assist if they were in a bind financially, but otherwise would recognize the lack of support and not send a contribution. On the issues of terms of officers and the addition of a local program chair received essentially unanimous support. We will present the change of terms for officers to the membership for a vote. We will proceed with adding a local program chair. I have already talked to Don Martin, who will be meeting chair for the 1986 meeting in Portland, Oregon, about selecting a program chair. Kirk Beiningen is our local arrangements contact for Oregon.

We have received some resolutions from the Oregon Chapter. If any unit or individual has resolutions, please send copies to Dr. John Peters. John's new address is: 8 WM-SP, EPA, 1860 Lincoln Street, Denver, CO 80295. In order to make copies available in the newsletter as requested, we need to have the resolutions to John in the next month or so.

While on the subject of the newsletter: The new editor is Howard Raymond, 2811 NE 185th, Seattle, WA 98155. Please send him any news items before the first of May. NMFS is printing the newsletter for us at no charge; we very much appreciate their support.

We have recently had requests for Division comment on two water quality issues. At the present time we have no committee responsible for water quality. In the short term I asked the Water Development and Stream Flow Committee for assistance, but water quality is normally beyond the scope of the Committee. What are your feelings on a water quality committee?

Many of you received the material from the Parent Society on the Wallop-Breaux extension. I hope you will take the opportunity to contact the local media and your congressional delegation. I have found both quite responsive. If you need some help in preparing materials, call Dan Crannell, our I&E chair, or the Parent Society.

Plans for the summer meeting in Snowmass-at-Aspen are essentially complete. As most of you know, we have had some difficulties with the Western Association over meeting arrangements. Basically, the current President of the Western Association decided on a total restructuring of the meeting after preparations were well underway. This caused Tony Novotny considerable difficulty. I'm sure those who received his mailings could feel his frustration.

The President of the Western Association decided he would prefer a meeting with fewer technical sessions and more larger sessions involving a dialogue among different user groups. This hit us hard because it meant reducing the number of fisheries technical sessions, several of which were in the advanced organization stage. We retained one technical session rather than the originally planned three concurrent technical sessions for each of the three days. We considered some options, including holding our technical sessions at another location, but space was not available. We also had considerable input into the larger dialogue session, with many participants on panels being recommended by the Division.

We met the end of January with the Western Association directors. Prior to that meeting, discussions were held with several of the directors. As Tony reported to many of you, there was acknowledgement that the Division had to make the most changes. We generally agreed that in the future we need to tighten our communication. Stan Moberly last year appointed on-site arrangements reps for the 1985-87 meeting. I have asked the New Mexico-Arizona Chapter to recommend a rep for the 1985 meeting in New Mexico. I have also suggested to Don Martin, next year's overall meeting chair, to contact the Oregon Chapter for an on-site program chair for the 1986 meeting in Portland. I might mention that Jack Donaldson, Director, and Judie Neilson, his Assistant for the meeting, have been very cooperative. We have had considerable input into the meeting site arrangements.

I think our problems this year are due mostly to the desire of the Western Association President to mold the meeting in his image. He only recently became a member of the Association and was not familiar with our past working relationships. He has several times expressed the need for the Division and Association to continue our relationships. Overall, the directors of the Western Association wish to continue to implement the agreement signed last year. Several people, in responding to Tony's letters (and I appreciate all who did and who sent me copies) referred to the problems at Sun Valley in 1977. I do not think the recent difficulties are analogous to the situation in 1977. I expect things to be much improved the next few years. The real key, I believe, is to improve our level of communication, and I think we're doing that. We were caught by surprise this year, and were really not in a good position to respond. Paul Cuplin and Mit Parsons have done an excellent job representing the Division in meeting arrangements, and we really appreciate their efforts.

People attending the Annual Meeting this year will find it different from recent meetings. I think many of the larger, interactive sessions will be quite interesting. We have been forced to restructure our participation, but I still expect a good meeting and hope to see you all there.



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MIDTERM REPORT

Lake of the Ozarks, MO
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The 17 chapters and 22 committees in the Western Division continue to be the focus of activities. The chapters continue to hold a series of very successful meetings. We have had Division representation at most of the meetings, and appreciate William Platts and Carl Sullivan's attendance at the Oregon Chapter Meeting. Chapters are gradually revising terms of office for officers to coordinate with change of terms of National officers.

The Committee of Habitat Inventory standardization, being chaired by Dr. William Helms of Utah State University, sent out the draft of the first portion of their report for review. The Committee is now revising this portion. We hope to have it published in time for the annual meeting in July. We expect to have a product that will be useful in all areas of the country and not just in the west.

Dr. Jack Williams, chairman of the Endangered Species Committee, continues to work with his Committee on a program to identify important aquatic habitats. Dr. Williams began this effort for the Desert Fishes Council. While interest in the past has centered on individual species, in most instances the threat to species is the loss of habitat. Emphasis is being placed on preservation and management of habitat rather than just on the species. While threatened and endangered species are a high priority there are other populations of fish or special habitats that need attention. The Committee is seeking to identify the habitats needing emphasis, and to develop recommendations that can be used by management agencies.

The Public Lands Committee, under Dave Cross' direction, has been active at the National as well as Division level. With the upcoming review of grazing fees, and the associated management of grazing lands, the Committee has been active in developing an AFS position. The Forest Service management plans and roading of roadless areas, and the proposed exchange of administration between the Forest Service and BLM have also been assigned to the Committee for comment.

The Riparian Committee, chaired by Gordon Haugen, recently completed a slide-tape on riparian issues that is not available. One copy has been presented to the National office. Copies are available for purchase. The Committee is updating the "Best Management Practices Handbook", with particular emphasis on the role of large woody material in maintaining habitat. The Committee is assisting chapters seeking to have riparian protection bills passed. These bills, based on one passed in Oregon in 1983, are being considered by several state legislatures. Several chapters have been actively involved in lobbying for these bills.

The Water Development and Stream Flow Committee, under Dudley Reiser and Tom Wesche, put together a position paper on small hydro projects. It was presented at the Western Division Annual Meeting, and is now being prepared for publication. It will be provided to all state fish and wildlife agencies in the Western Division, and will be presented to National for possible publishing in Fisheries.

A symposium on small hydro will be held in Denver, May 1-3, 1985. Dr. Robert White of Montana is the chair.

The Western Division Annual Meeting will be at Aspen, Colorado, July 15-19, 1985. Tony Novotny, President-elect, is the program chairman. Paul Cuplin and Mit Parson have helped in organizing the meeting. Despite the agreement signed last year with the Western Association, with whom we met, there were some major problems in coordinating our joint meeting that required some major changes by the Division. The problems were discussed at the midterm meeting of the Western Association, resulting in some restructuring of program development. The next two meetings, in Oregon and Utah, are expected to go much smoother.

The Western Association directors expressed considerable concern at the proposed diversion of Wallop-Breaux funds. Many chapters and the Division have worked with news media and congressional delegations to have the funds appropriated. The response so far has been excellent, and will continue.

The Humboldt Chapter last October hosted a meeting on stream habitat management. Over 400 people registered for the meeting, which was excellent. The Humboldt Chapter, which received the Western Division Chapter of the Year Award, did an excellent job in organizing the meeting for the Western Division. Don Duff was instrumental in obtaining funding, and in assisting the Chapter officers. The Chapter, in the past few years, has hosted several technical meetings, and show a real knack for organizing and hosting meetings.

Several meetings were scheduled last fall with colleagues in Mexico to discuss forming chapters. The untimely death of one biologist and transfers of others caused the meetings to be cancelled. We were able to meet with biologists during the Desert Fisheries Council meeting in San Luis Potosi, and discussed chapters. Groups of biologists in Quintana Roo and Monterrey expressed interest in organizing chapters. We are corresponding with our Mexican colleagues now on steps to take.

Units which have a high percentage of non-members attending might make note of the Oregon Chapter. In order to have non-members pay more of their fair share of the costs of organizing the meeting, non-members were charged \$10 more than members. There were few complaints, and at least 25 persons decided to become members rather than pay the \$10 costs.

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