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September 8, 1987

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SUBJECT: ~~1987 Annual Report to the AFS Executive Committee~~

TO: WDAFS Executive Committee

FROM: Donald M. Martin, President *D.M.M.*
Western Division AFS

Attached is my 1987 Annual Report to the Parent Society Executive Committee and the items to be acted on at the Winston-Salem meeting. As Chapter Presidents and WDAFS officers, you are all members of the WDAFS Executive Committee (ExCom) and subject to have to read all this material. I have tried to make the AFS system, as we know it in the Western Division, an organizational structure which is responsive to the grassroots (Chapters and members) needs and concerns.

There are some interesting action items being proposed by the WDAFS at this meeting as a direct result of our WDAFS ExCom Retreat in Salt Lake City. President-Elect Al Mills will pass on to you the results of our efforts soon after we return. Chapter Presidents, please pass this information on directly to your Chapter President-Elects, so that they can benefit from our collective efforts and ideas. None of us are alone or so remote that the AFS system cannot be responsive to our needs, so please communicate with your fellow members of the WDAFS ExCom in the coming year on any item of concern.

Please take some precious time to skim the entire Parent Society ExCom meeting notebook and read the WDAFS report in depth, I think you will be amazed at what some of your fellow fish brothers and sisters are up to, AFS is a pretty dynamic and diverse organism.

Also, enclosed is a copy of the U.S. Forest Service's Executive Summary and Report and Action Plan for the "National Plan for Fish Habitat Research and Research Coordination" for the Forest Service fisheries program "Rise to the Future - Fish Your National Forests." We discussed this program at the WDAFS ExCom Retreat in Salt Lake City in July. I encourage each of you to work with your Chapter officers and members to insure true implementation of this program. This AFS initiated effort was a cooperative evaluation of the Forest Service's fisheries program. Now we need to follow through by contacting the individual national forests in your geographic region to see what is being done. Please, do not hesitate to contact Paul Brouha or Sully at the Parent Society office if you need assistance.

Thanks for a productive year and take care.

cc: Carl Sullivan
Stan Moberly



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MEMO

SUBJECT: 1987 Annual Report

TO: AFS Executive Committee

FROM: Donald M. Martin, President
Western Division AFS

The Western Division (WDAFS) has been quite active in number of areas during 1986-87. One of the major focal point has been the concerted effort by the Division and the Chapters to make our relationship viable, active and responsive to member needs and concerns. The Division officers attended eleven of sixteen chapter meetings and in every case a portion of the travel costs were paid by the chapters. Also, the twelve of the sixteen chapters sent representatives to the second annual WDAFS ExCom Retreat. These are a few examples of the strong commitment by the Chapters and the Division to develop a healthy productive relationship for the betterment of the Society. Further evidence of this will be presented throughout the remainder of this Annual Report.

WDAFS ExCom Retreat

The second annual WDAFS Excom Retreat was held for a full day and evening the day prior the start of the annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. WDAFS President-Elect Al Mills and the Bonneville Chapter were instrumental in making the retreat extremely successful. Twenty AFS dignitaries were present and actively participated, they included: officers from twelve of the Division's chapters, all five of the Division's officers, three officers from the Parent Society, AFS Deputy Director and two of

the candidates for the Parent Society.

We spent the morning at the motel, while the afternoon and evening were enjoyed at the Wasatch Mtn. House, which is located at 8000 ft. elevation. Discussions were extremely spirited and candid, and beer was not allowed until 4:15 p.m. The agenda is attached for reference (See attachment).

Communications among the AFS subunits emerged as the largest concern. The Oregon Chapter presented a white paper on the structure of AFS and how well it serves our needs (See attachment). A long discussion followed with various viewpoints expressed. These mainly involved Chapter concerns about being truly the grassroots of AFS, and a "parent" concern that our structure is a result of evolution based on need, e.g., a large Parent Society ExCom. The afternoon session then focused on specific solution to this general problem. The Oregon Chapter paper was not acted on but was the reason for much of the action in the afternoon. The following actions were voted on:

1. It was approved that there should be an WDAFS ExCom retreat held in conjunction with the annual meeting. Also, the recommendation was approved that each chapter fund the travel for its President and President-Elect to attend the annual WDAFS meeting and participate in the ExCom Retreat to represent their constituency. It was passed that the WDAFS officers should attend as many chapter meetings as possible. It was agreed that a draft should be prepared to evaluate approaches for funding this travel.
2. After considerable discussion on riparian issues, it was passed that WDAFS will sponsor within the next year, a riparian training workshop to increase the competency level of biologists on a more widespread basis. The workshop will focus on case histories with emphasis on past failures and 'real world' problems. The target audience will be field biologists. It was noted that this workshop could be held a day or two prior the 1988 joint WDAFS/Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies annual meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.
3. The issue of AFS endorsement of oil and gas exploration on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge raised considerable discussion on protocol within AFS. The following items were passed and forwarded to the Parent Society ExCom for **ACTION:**

- * A. There is a need to add a section in the Chapter President's Handbook on protocol relative to developing positions on issues and working with the Environmental Concerns Committee.
- * B. That AFS staff will not take any position on OCS development until an official AFS position has been established.
- * C. Local Chapters will be notified of any meeting regarding OCS development where AFS staff will be attending.

4. The issue of AFS visibility was discussed at length, mostly revolving around public education and awareness of fishery resources. Ultimately, as the stewards on the Nation's most valuable renewable resource, we must instill a sense of personal responsibility for fisheries among all citizens. The following motion passed and is forwarded to the Parent Society ExCom for ACTION:

- * A. The AFS ExCom should provide funding for AFS to join Project WILD.

Membership Concerns was the next major area and the following items were discussed:

1. The topics of various dues policies among the Chapters and a dues rebate to the Chapters were discussed. The following motion was passed and forwarded on to the Parent Society ExCom for ACTION:

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- A. AFS should adopt the practice of sending an annual rebate to each Chapter based on the number of dues paying AFS members in the Chapter. The AFS dues should be raised by \$2.00 to cover this rebate.

2. There was some discussion regarding student awareness of AFS and that the most activity needs to be focused at the Chapter level.

3. The Chapters expressed some concern about being able to get updated

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membership lists in order to locate delinquent members. It was explained that these are available from the AFS home office, as are mailing labels. Also, it was noted that the WDAFS receives a monthly printout of new members, which could be passed on to the Chapters.

4. The idea of meeting with other professional societies was briefly discussed.

WDAFS ANNUAL MEETING

An excellent program and quality arrangements were provided at the WDAFS annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was a joint meeting with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA). The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, the Bonneville Chapter AFS and WDAFS President-Elect Al Mills did an outstanding job and are to be commended. The theme of the meeting was "Surviving on a Shoestring". The meeting was well attended with 336 total registered of which 220 were AFS members.

Five awards were presented by the WDAFS at a joint WDAFS/WAFWA awards luncheon and they were as follows:

-Award of Excellence	Lauren R. Donaldson and John R. Donaldson
-Bob Borovicka Conservation Achievement Award	Stream Habitat Improvement and Conservation Personnel of the Wyoming Game & Fish Department
-Arco Student Award	Neal Muirhead
-Chapter of the Year	California/Neveda Chapter
-Going the Extra Mile Award	Donald M. Martin

The new WDAFS officers for 1987-88 will take charge as of the change of the Parent Society officers and they are:

President	Al Mills
President-Elect	Nancy MacHugh
Vice President	Pat Dwyer
Secretary-Treasurer	Dudley Reiser
Past President	Don Martin
National Nominating Rep.	Bill Platts

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MEMO

SUBJECT: **Amendment to the 1987 Western Division Annual Report**

TO: AFS Executive Committee

FROM: Donald M. Martin, President *D.M.M.*
Western Division AFS

Several additional items have been brought to my attention, which have caused the need for this amendment. First, we have some Chapter news of interest:

The **Sacramento Chapter**, which has 95% of its membership comprised of members of the California-Nevada Chapter, has decided to become a **subunit** of the **California-Nevada Chapter**. The official paperwork will be forthcoming and will be quite similar as the format used by the Idaho Chapter.

The **Hawaii Chapter** is alive and well. Their dissolution was proposed in a questionnaire (self-addressed postcard) sent to all the AFS member living that geographic region by the WDAFS President. 66% responded in a positive manner to have an active chapter. It definitely got their attention and they are now planning quarterly meeting with a technical session planned for next winter. The Chapter had not had a meeting nor been officially heard from since 1984, so some kind of action appeared necessary, glad the worse did not come to pass.

The majority of the WDAFS Chapters are taking the necessary steps to insure that the U.S. Forest Service fisheries program "Rise to the Future - Fish Your National Forest" is adequately implemented. We are looking forward to a productive year assisting the Forest Service in its implementation of this new program.

At the WDAFS business meeting in Salt Lake City the membership voted to redirect the WDAFS contribution, \$500.00, to the Skinner Memorial Fund to go now towards covering the costs of sponsoring the Frances J. Allen Scholarship Raffle in 1987. **ACTION ITEM:**

1. The WDAFS **challenges** the other divisions and sections that have not already made a contribution to match the WDAFS contribution of \$500.00.