

TO: AFS Executive Committee
 FROM: Pat Dwyer, WDAFS President
 SUBJECT: 1988-1989 Annual Report
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Nancy MacHugh resigned from the position of President-Elect in early September 1988 due to an increase in job responsibilities. I went from Vice -President to President - Elect to President in a 2week period. Cay Goude who was elected to the Vice President position in July 1988 became President Elect and as such was in charge of the annual meeting program. A special election was held and Dave Burns was elected Vice president.

Western Division Officers have been quite busy. I have made an attempt to have an officer at all chapter meetings to which we were invited. It has not been possible for the president to attend all of these meetings due to job responsibilities and lack of leave time. Everyone from the president to the secretary- treasurer has been involved in chapter visits.

WDAFS/WAFWA JOINT ANNUAL MEETING was held at the Sheraton Towers Hotel in Seattle July 3-7, 1989. The retreat was held on July 3 at the Kiana Lodge with good representation by chapter and Society officers. Don Martin directed the retreat along the lines of developing methods of implementation of the Visibility Action Plan, specifically Public Awareness/Constituency Building. We benefited from the output of the EXCOM Retreat at Port Aransas, Texas. The pool of ideas developed there was tailored to Chapter and Division needs. Group discussions were held to assess what can be done to enhanced our visibility to the public. The summary of these group discussions was sent to the Western Division Excom. Carl Sullivan, Bob White, Joe Dillard, and Stan Moberly represented the Society. Toney Novotny, a past president of the Western Division also attended.

Program Chair Cay Goude developed an excellent program, which received many complements. Frank Halfmoon, chairman of the Western Division Native American Fisheries Committee developed a Symposium on Native American Fisheries which ran concurrently with the WDAFS/WAFWA meeting at the same location. It was very well attended and hopefully will become a regular part of the Western Division Meetings. Program coordinator Don Chase is to be complemented for the retreat arrangements and the many things he did in coordinating the program. Thom Johnson, WDAFS Trade Show Chairman, sold all available space and turned a profit of \$4,385. As per a 1984 agreement WAFWA receives 80% or \$3,516 and WDAFS receives the remaining \$879 or 20%.

Dave Burns chairman of the Western Division Environmental Concerns Committee has developed a list of interested committee members and has reviewed the Interior Water Policy along with the Water Development and Stream Flow Committee, co-chaired by Dudley Reiser and Tom Wesche.

These two committees also reviewed the AFS Policy Statement on the effects of

Livestock Grazing on riparian and stream ecosystems written by C. L. Armour, D. A. Duff and W. Elmore.

The paper "Survey of instream flow issues in North America" by Dudley and Tom, was published in the March -April issue of Fisheries. It is available as part of the report by Matthew J. McKinney and Jonathan G. Taylor. 1988. Western state instream flow programs: a comparative assessment. Instream Flow Information Paper No. 18. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Report (89)2. 78 pp. Contact Aquatic Systems Branch, National Ecology Research Center, U.S. FWS, 2627 Redwing Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526-2899

Riparian Committee Chairman Don Martin: This committee has been busy in several areas in 1989: (1) developing the audio-visual library, (2) reviewing riparian BMP's, and (3) developing the 1990 Riparian Excellence Program.

The WDAFS Audio-visual library is now located at the Idaho State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Boise. It includes a number of videos, slide tape shows, and a computerized annotated bibliography. Information regarding the library is available from Allan Thomas, (208) 334-1835.

The committee has reviewed and commented on Environmental Protection Agency's draft documents on the development of riparian grazing Best Management Practices. This year there has been renewed interest in "Best Management Practices for the Management and Protection of Western Riparian Stream Ecosystems" published by the Western Division in 1982. We are considering the need for revision and publishing a second edition.

During the 1988 WDAFS Excom Retreat in Albuquerque it was decided that there was enough interest to continue as well as expand the Demonstration of Excellence in Riparian Management project. This expansion should include federal, state, tribal, and local agencies. An effort was made soon after the meeting in Albuquerque to find individuals willing to coordinate this process and no one was found, therefore it was postponed until 1990. It was decided that the Riparian Committee would develop the mechanics and criteria for the much expanded effort during 1989. Don and his committee are developing mechanisms and criteria for this transition with potentially thousands of applications. The first of these nation-wide competitions will be held next year.

MARINE FISHERIES COMMITTEE Lou Carufel: This committee has been in contact with the Fisheries Management Councils on issues of concern to AFS and the councils. All members have made an effort to make the FMC more knowledgeable about who and what AFS is. One challenge before the committee is to get other marine fisheries scientists to become members of AFS and to encourage them to serve on the Western Division Marine Fisheries Committee. Committee involvement has been rather limited on important fisheries issues.

SACRAMENTO RIVER WINTER RUN CHINOOK LAWSUIT UPDATE: Federal Court ruled against APS in favor of NMFS, however Judge Ramirez recommended that the case be appealed. This will be done as soon as he files his opinion. Judge Zilly in a similar case with the spotted owl in Washington ruled that listing was required if biological assessment so indicated. The two cases undoubtedly will meet in appellate court. In the late 1960s the chinook run was 86,000

fish per year, now it is estimated at 2,000. The area is in the third year of a drought and the situation is critical.

STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF INTERIOR STOCKS OF CUTTHROAT TROUT AFS SYMPOSIUM SERIES 4 has been published and will make an excellent addition to any fisheries library. Editor Bob Gresswell, as well as all involved with the symposium, should be proud of this work. AFS members can purchase this book for \$17.00 cloth bound and \$12.00 paper. Nonmember prices are \$22.00 and \$15.00.

MYSID SYMPOSIUM: Sponsored by the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter, Fisheries Management Section, and WDAFS was held at the Toronto Meeting. An excellent collection of papers was presented and it was well attended. Dr Eric Bergersen and Tom Nessler coordinated the program. The proceedings are being reviewed and will be available soon.

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

All Western Division Chapters are strong and productive. It is this kind of enthusiasm and dedication that is making the Society what it is today. I was very impressed with the quality of meetings and professionalism shown at all of the chapter meetings I was able to attend. Cay, Don, and Dave echoed my comments regarding the chapter meetings they attended. All of the Chapters are becoming very involved in local fishery resource issues and have committees working on specific topics. This involvement includes letter writing, serving as expert witness in court, public hearings, and raising and donating money to support these issues. I will list only a few of the other highlights here.

Chinook and Coho Salmon Workshop was a great success. The most popular sessions were Biological Production Factors, Physical Production Factors and Enhancement. Copies of the proceedings are available for \$10.00 from Bruce Shepherd (604) 493 8261. Working with the Alaska Chapter, The North Pacific International Chapter took the lead in putting on a biennial Chinook / Coho Workshop. This workshop is to be sponsored on a rotational basis among West Coast Chapters.

The Montana Chapter sponsored the Practical Approaches to Riparian Resource Management Workshop which was held May 8-12, 1989 at the Billings Plaza Holiday Inn, Billings, Montana. The program had topics ranging from evaluation techniques, and stream geomorphology to livestock grazing. The Proceedings are available for \$15.00 from Riparian Resource Management Symposium, P. O. Box 22561, Billings, Montana 59101.

The Oregon Chapter has developed a strategic plan based on the Society Long Range and has incorporated many Visibility Plan goals. Various chapter activities were accomplished during the year to meet those goals. This type of leadership exemplifies the proactive can-do attitude of Western Division Chapters. Contact Krystyna Wolniakowski for details.

The Humboldt Chapter co-sponsored a one day conference entitled "Harvesting Trees While Retaining Our Fish: A Challenge We Can Meet". Fishery and

forestry professionals presented papers on fishery resources, timber harvest regulations, repairing the past, and protecting the future. A proceedings is being prepared from this very successful meeting

The Bonneville Chapter had an excellent meeting, which I was able to attend. This was the first year that they did not meet with an other organization and attendance was up and the number and quality of fishery papers presented was the best ever.

ELECTION:

Officers for 1989-90

President Cay Goude

President Elect Dave Burns

Vice President Don Chase

Secretary Treasurer John Lepink

Immediate Past President Pat Dwyer

National Nominating Rep Don Martin

WDAFS/WAFWA Relations: This topic was discussed at the Retreat on July 3. The 1991 meeting is scheduled to meet in Alberta; since this is not within the Western Division and our by laws state that we do meet within the Western Division, the 1991 meeting will be held separately. A WD Time and Place committee is in place.

ACTION ITEMS: NONE