

MEMORANDUM

To: Lee C. Redmond, AFS President
 From: Carl V. Burger, Western Division President
 Subject: Mid-Year Report to EXCOM

Action Requested: The Western Division requests that a subcommittee be designated by President Redmond to develop a Society-wide policy regarding the procedures AFS will follow upon receipt of any unsolicited business proposals for symposia and workshops. Although AFS currently has a policy for "volunteer-based" workshops and symposia (full EXCOM approval is required for any undertaking exceeding \$100,000), there is no policy for unsolicited proposals that are primarily business in nature. As an example, the Western Division and its subunits were recently asked to support an unsolicited proposal for a "Sustainable Fishery Strategy" symposium for Northwest Pacific salmon and steelhead stocks. The proposal came from two consultants, one of whom is a Division member. While the concept, need, and timeliness of such a symposium are undeniable, the mechanism could not be supported by the Western Division. Approximately 75% of the \$245,000 budget would have gone directly to the consultants for organizing and conducting a symposium that AFS volunteers typically conduct without remuneration. An AFS-wide policy is necessary so that our Society can respond to similar business proposals in the future.

Recommended Motion: I move that President Redmond designate a subcommittee to develop a Society-wide policy to deal with unsolicited proposals of a business nature that could result in a profit for individuals or organizations.

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Committee Chairs (Internal Affairs):

Arrangements
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Equal Opportunity
Membership
Newsletter
Nominations
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Randy Bailey
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Committee Chairs (External Affairs):

Bull Trout
Environmental Concerns
Habitat Inventory Procedures
Native Peoples Fisheries
Native Salmon Stocks
Old Growth Forests
Resolutions
Riparian
Threatened/Endangered Species
National Nominating Rep.

Tom Weaver
Mike Ward
Mike Young
Kelly Meyer
Pat Higgins
Dave Fuller
Dennis Tol
Mark Gorges
Jerry Burton
Wayne Hubert

include where into gaps are for health of western forests

*Scholarship
Strategic Plan
Proc. manual*

Division Highlights:

Where possible, the Division highlights and subunit reports address specific elements of the Society's **Strategic Plan (SP)** and President Redmond's **Annual Work Program (WP)**.

The Western Division's Annual Meeting will be held in Park City, Utah, from July 16-19, 1995. The theme of the meeting will be "Practical Applications of Ecosystem Management" (SP - C.1). President-Elect Dennis Lee and our Arrangements (Leo Lentsch) and Program (Kevin Christopherson) chairs from the host Bonneville Chapter are now finalizing all technical sessions and entertainment scheduled to occur at the Olympia Park Hotel in Park City. A leadership retreat (WP - D.8) will be held on July 15. The Point/Counterpoint Debate (WP - B.4) will occur on July 17.

A series of teleconferences was conducted by Division President Carl Burger with chapter presidents (late January) and committee chairs (early February) to increase communications among Division subunits (SP - F.1). The response from the subunit leaders was extremely positive--participants felt that the conferences accomplished the goal of bringing us together as a cohesive unit. A second series will be conducted prior to the Division's Annual Meeting.

The Western Division EXCOM approved the application and selection criteria for its first ever, graduate student scholarship. Nominations are now being solicited from students at accredited institutions within the Division (SP - G.1; G.2 and WP - D.7).

Through the assistance of Dennis Tol (Resolutions Chair), the Division is undertaking a review of its present committee structure. Dennis is contacting all Division subunit leaders in an effort to determine the effectiveness and need of each Division committee (SP - A.6).

With the help of AFS staff, information was sent to all subunits urging members to contact their legislators regarding Reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act (WP - A.2).

The Division's EXCOM is in the process of reviewing and strengthening its strategic plan (SP - A.6).

Ms. Venice Beske, a COWY Chapter member and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Fish History Section has graciously agreed to serve as Western Division Historian.

Plans were finalized to have a Western Division representative at each chapter meeting this year (SP - F.1).

Chapter Reports

Alaska:

Carl Burger attended the 21st Alaska Chapter Meeting held in Sitka from November 14-17, 1994. The theme of the meeting was "Coming of Age, 1973-1994: A Blend of Science and Advocacy." The value of fishery enhancement programs was the topic of keynote addresses provided by Ray Hilborn (University of Washington) and Ted Parry (Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans). Hilborn also conducted a continuing education class (SP - E.1) at the meeting. Technical sessions were held on salmonid wildstock management, Southeast Alaska fisheries allocation, aquaculture, and international fisheries (SP - C.1). A panel discussion was convened on advocacy and the Chapter is now finalizing its new advocacy procedures. **The stocks at risk undertaking may now be limited to those occurring in Southeast Alaska** (WP - A.1). Work continues on a key to the fishes of Alaska. Dr. Ole Mathisen was awarded the Chapter's prestigious Wally Noerenberg Award for Fisheries Excellence. Steve Brink won Best Student Paper while Molly Ahlgren won Best Paper Award. Dana Schmidt was installed as President-Elect and

Steve Klein was installed as First Vice President. Publication of three symposia (Arctic Fish Ecology, Oilspill, and Habitat Restoration) are in various stages of publication (WP - B). The Chapter has submitted a bid to host the 1997 Division Meeting. **As an action item, the Chapter is requesting that Western Division meetings be held during a time between September 15 and May 1 to potentially increase attendance.**

Arizona/New Mexico:

The Arizona/New Mexico Chapter held their Annual Meeting in Gallup, New Mexico, from February 9-11. Division President Carl Burger attended and addressed the group on behalf of Executive Director Brouha and AFS President Redmond. The theme of the meeting was "Monitoring Resource Management Actions: Design and Effectiveness." Jack Kelly and Jerry Burton organized a one-day workshop on fish tagging techniques that, as usual, proved exceptionally popular among the attendees. **This Chapter has tripled its membership over the last couple of years and has been very active in the legislative arena** (SP - E.3; G.4 and WP - D.3). The Chapter's EXCOM recently commented on an EIS for Glen Canyon Dam and was involved in commenting on the relicensing of a hydroelectric project in Arizona (WP - A.1). Considerable time was devoted at the Chapter's Business Meeting towards building a consensus for FAN issue submissions (SP - D.4). Ernie Jaquez was installed as President-Elect and Tom McMahon as Secretary-Treasurer. **The Chapter was commended for hosting last year's Western Division Annual Meeting.**

Bonneville:

The Chapter has postponed its Annual Meeting this year in order to devote full attention to hosting the Western Division Annual Meeting in Park City, Utah, July 16-19. Chapter President Leo Lentsch is Arrangements Chair for the Division Meeting while Bonneville Chapter President-Elect Kevin Christopherson is the Program Chair. The Chapter is updating its Annual Action Plan (SP - F.4) and will hold its Annual Business Meeting concurrent with the Division Meeting. All activities will occur at the Olympia Park Hotel in Park City.

California/Nevada:

The California/Nevada Chapter held its Annual Conference and Business Meeting February 3-4 in Napa where the theme was "Consensus Building in Resource Management." Dennis Lee represented the Division. Also, Executive Director Brouha addressed the membership. A panel discussion introduced the attendees to various perspectives on consensus building and the technical sessions introduced case studies of consensus-building efforts from projects in marine, estuarine, and freshwater environments. **A workshop (facilitators: Dale Burkett, Pam McClelland, and Ken Hashagen) was convened to highlight member interests and to develop an action agenda** (SP - D.4; F.4). Just prior to the meeting a watershed symposium focused on the

Russian River (SP - C.1). The Chapter's Distinguished Professional Achievement Award was presented to Roger Wolcott (NMFS). The Chapter and its Sacramento/Davis Subunit are working in partnership to sponsor activities to attract new members (SP - G.2 and WP - D.3).

Colorado/Wyoming:

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Colorado/Wyoming Chapter will be held March 14-16 in Casper, Wyoming, at the Parkway Plaza Hotel. The meeting's theme will be "Back to Basics-Practical Applications of Fish Culture, Research and Management." In addition, a **continuing education workshop will be held on GIS technology that will be supported largely via Chapter funds and at only minimal cost (\$10 per person) to members as an incentive for membership** (SP - E.2; G.4). Vice President Tom Nesler will represent the Division. The Colorado/Wyoming Chapter has been involved in a review of the Yellowstone cutthroat plan and in Idaho's request for assistance with its water quantity position statement (SP - C.1 and WP - A.1). The Chapter has decided to hold quarterly EXCOM meetings.

Hawaii:

The Hawaii Chapter meets quarterly and their most recent meeting was held in mid-January, 1995, in Honolulu. **One of this Chapter's most notable accomplishments was their sponsorship of a legislative workshop that highlighted how to access legislative information and how to draft and present testimony** (WP - A.2). The Hawaii Chapter was also successful in influencing the Hawaii Legislature in passing more effective regulations on inshore gillnetting. The Chapter plans to remain active in long-term gillnet management and in the area of exotic animal introductions. New legislative initiatives (SP - C.1) include measures to regulate introduced aquatic organisms and a recommendation for a new minimum size in the moi fishery. The Chapter plans to initiate projects on habitat conservation, sponsorship of a student symposium, and continuing education courses (SP - G.1; E.1). Ken Leber was elected President-Elect and Walter Ikehara was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Humboldt:

The Humboldt Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting at Humboldt State on April 22, 1995. The theme of the meeting will be "Endangered Species Management with an Ecosystem Perspective." Dennis Lee and Randy Bailey will represent the Division. The Chapter sponsored a "Smith River Fisheries Research and Management" colloquium last October that disseminated current fishery information (WP - B) and allowed interagency and public involvement on research and management topics (SP - C.1). A "Trinity River Restoration Program" colloquium will be held during March. A panel of specialists will address past and planned instream, watershed, and hatchery projects under the Trinity Restoration Project, with responses intended to serve as input into development of an EIS (SP - D.1).

The Chapter is seeking support to upgrade its numerous education programs and outreach projects. Also, the Humboldt Chapter underwrote grant proposals to the California Wildlife Conservation Board and two federal agencies in conjunction with fisheries education materials in Humboldt County schools (SP - G.1). The Chapter has bid for the 1997 Division Meeting.

Idaho:

The Idaho Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting March 16-18 in Boise at the Owyhee Plaza where the theme will be "Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management: Can It Work?" Chris Moffitt will attend as Division Representative. Just prior to the Annual Meeting, the Chapter will sponsor a Status Review Workshop that will address the lists used by several fish and wildlife agencies (WP - A.1) to recognize certain fish species for special management consideration (SP - C.1). **As an action item, the Chapter has requested formation of a Division work group to draft a WDAFS Position Statement on water quantity in the western chapters** (SP - C.1). This request will be addressed by the Division's EXCOM at the upcoming Park City Meeting. The Chapter has been active in issues such as potential listing of the redband trout, a conservation strategy for bull trout, an EA for interim anadromous fish strategies, and a draft conservation strategy for Bonneville cutthroat trout (SP - C.1 and WP - A.1). The Chapter also recently reviewed "IDAFISH": the Intermountain Forest Industry Association's alternative (Idaho-specific) to the agency-developed PACFISH approach, however, the Chapter could not support IDAFISH as presently proposed. Finally, **the Idaho Chapter completed an outreach project by developing a comprehensive and artistic poster on the rare, native fishes of Idaho and they are completing a pamphlet on "Idaho's Bull Trout, A Species in Peril"** (SP - C.4).

Montana:

The Montana Chapter held its Annual Meeting February 6-10 in Chico Hot Springs where the theme centered on policy, theory, and management strategies for conserving native fishes. Glenn Phillips attended as Western Division representative. The Chapter's Environmental Concerns Committee has recommended adjustments to the COE's Missouri River Master Water Control Manual to improve fisheries (WP - A.1). Their Land Management Committee has commented on grazing allotments, timber sales, energy leases, national forest land trades, and channel reclamation projects (SP - C.1). Their Species of Special Concern Committee is tracking a FERC review of Kerr Dam for effects on cutthroat and bull trout, as well as various listing petitions. **Art Whitney (a Past AFS President) is helping the Chapter track and influence local legislative issues.** An "aquatic box" was developed by the Chapter for use by teachers in Montana classrooms as a fisheries educational tool (SP - C.4). The Chapter's Extension Education Committee is producing a poster on warmwater stream ecosystems for classroom use (WP - B.5) and **they are preparing a national outreach symposium (June 26-29, 1996, in Bozeman) entitled "How Do We Make Fish as Popular as Dinosaurs?"** (SP - G.1 and WP - B.5).

New Mexico State Student:

This subunit meets monthly on campus under the guidance of faculty members Colleen Caldwell and Paul Turner. The Chapter has been working closely with BLM to monitor a stream (Bonito Creek) near Lincoln, NM, and they have set up an Educational Committee to visit New Mexico schools to educate students about local fishes (SP - C.4 and WP - B.5). Additionally, **the Chapter is involved in managing an on-campus pond as an educational tool and they have helped a flyfishing association conduct clinics for grade school students (SP - G.1).**

North Pacific International:

The North Pacific International Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting April 5-7 at the Coast Plaza Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia. The theme will be "Public Participation in Fisheries Management: Plague or Panacea?" Carl Burger will represent the Division. The Chapter's activities center on completing their "stocks at risk" endeavor (WP - A.1). A database on over 8,000 salmonid populations was sent to numerous scientists and managers soliciting comments on database quality. Stock assessment will be completed in early spring with a preliminary report at the upcoming Chapter Meeting. **A paper summarizing the Chapter's stocks at risk findings will be published in Fisheries later this year (SP - C.3; C.4; and WP - B).**

Oregon:

The Oregon Chapter won the Division and Society "Chapter of the Year" awards during 1994. This Chapter held its Annual Meeting February 15-17 in Ashland under the theme "Characterizing, Conserving, and Restoring Aquatic Biological Diversity." Dennis Lee attended on behalf of the Division. Also, Executive Director Brouha addressed the membership. **As action items, the Chapter will be requesting two bylaw modifications**, one regarding membership and one pertaining to officers. In the legislative arena, the Oregon Chapter reviewed a document on riparian zone management as it regards the status and future of Oregon salmon (request from the Oregon Senate). Also, the Chapter testified at the Savage Rapids Dam hearings--the Oregon Water Resources Commission subsequently voted for dam removal (SP - C.1 and WP - A.1). **The Oregon Chapter has sponsored numerous symposia and outreach projects (WP - B).** These include the Northwest Pacific Chinook and Coho Salmon Workshop (November 1994), a session at the Northwest Fish Culturists Conference (December 1994), a symposium on sustaining rangeland ecosystems last August, and a sea-run cutthroat trout symposium (next October) (SP - C.4). The Chapter just dedicated up to \$2,000 annually for student scholarships and they printed over 2,500 "Stream Continuum" posters for distribution to schools (SP - G.1; G.5 and WP - D.7).

Portland:

Historically, the Portland Chapter has hosted monthly luncheon meetings with invited

presentations on a wide variety of fishery topics. Currently, bi-monthly meetings are being held to provide longer discussions and more opportunities for member input with abstracts published in the Chapter's newsletter (SP - C.2). This year a day-long meeting also will be held (May 1995) with an evening banquet. The theme will center around urban fisheries, professionalism, and regional issues. The Chapter is currently reviewing its bylaws. **A new committee is addressing the general topic of professionalism in AFS (SP - H.1).**

Committee Reports

Bull Trout:

This Committee is reworking an MOU with the Intermountain Forest Industry Association to peer-review the IFIA's stream sampling protocol for bull trout. Also, a review will be conducted at the request of the State of Montana to evaluate Montana's proposed strategy for bull trout restoration (SP - C.1; C.4; and D.1).

Environmental Concerns and Native Salmon Stocks:

These two committees have teamed up to track current and upcoming fishery legislation and to develop a system to electronically link Division chapters and committees for fishery data and information updates. This project will strengthen AFS communication (SP - A.1; F.1).

Native Peoples Fisheries and Equal Opportunity:

These two committees have also joined forces this year in an effort to develop a travel grant for Native American students (WP - D.7) to attend Division meetings (SP - E.3; G.2; and G.5).

Resolutions:

Chair Dennis Tol circulated a questionnaire to all Division officers and subunit leaders in an effort to re-evaluate the structure, function, and need for our Division's committees (SP - A.6).

Riparian:

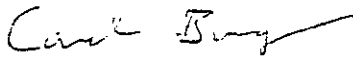
This Committee finalized Parent Society comments on the Draft Rangeland Reform EIS that were subsequently sent to BLM (WP - A.1). The Committee also provided input for the Executive Director who attended a forum on grazing fee incentives (SP - C.4). The Riparian Committee Chair (Mark Gorges) just completed the annual announcement for the Division's Riparian Challenge that will be awarded following judging in Park City. This award is extremely competitive and it is given to an agency field office making a

substantial contribution to riparian habitat (SP - C.1 and WP - C.1).

Threatened and Endangered Species:

Chair Jerry Burton was instrumental in working with WDAFS chapter presidents concerning ESA Reauthorization (WP - A.1) and in offering to provide workshops at upcoming Western Division chapter meetings (SP - A.6; D.1; and F.1). Jerry conducted one of several planned ESA workshops at the recent Montana Chapter Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Carl V. Burger
Western Division President