

Excerpt from: Minutes of 25th Annual Meeting - Western Division - AFS -
July 12, 1973 - Salt Lake City, Utah

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Since copies of the minutes from the last business session had been distributed, it was moved and seconded that they not be read. Motion carried. A statement of income and expenditures was read (attachment 2).

Standard Stream Survey Committee Report (attachment 3)

Report prepared by Bob Borovicka, Committee Chairman. Bob made a motion, "The Standard Stream Survey Committee should be continued for the next year and subcommittees be appointed by the chairman to accomplish items 1 through 5 (in report). A report on progress made will be submitted to the Western Division meeting in 1974." Seconded by John Peters. Motion carried.

Time and Place Committee Report

Committee Chairman, Wendell Smith, gave his usual inimitable invitation to next years meeting place which will be Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Resolutions Committee Report

Bob Wiley, committee member, read and moved for adoption of three resolutions which follow:

Resolution 1 Wilderness Fish Stocking (attachment 4)

Seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2 Stream Alteration Programs (attachment 5)

Seconded. In connection with this resolution there was a discussion on the distribution of resolutions once they are passed. It was agreed by those present, including Dick Wade and Chuck Campbell, that the Western Division can distribute resolutions it passes without awaiting authorization from the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners or the Parent Society. It was determined that, rather than have each resolution mention distribution to be made, it will be the responsibility of the President and Secretary-Treasurer to make this determination including deciding which should be forwarded to the Resolutions Committee of the Parent Society. Following this discussion, Bob Phillips moved that resolution 2 be amended by deleting the paragraph which directed its distribution to the heads of various agencies. Seconded. Motion carried. Charles Koski moved that the word "mitigating" in the resolution be changed to "compensating." Seconded. Motion carried. The resolution with the two amendments was then voted upon. Motion carried.

ADOPTED - July 12, 1973

WESTERN DIVISION - AFS, RESOLUTION #1
WILDERNESS FISH STOCKING

WHEREAS, the U. S. Forest Service has been given administrative authority over designated Wilderness Areas on National Forests by the Wilderness Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, interpretations of the Wilderness Act have varied considerably between Regions of the Forest Service as relates to permitted activities and procedures within a Wilderness; and

WHEREAS, some local Forest Service officials have recently indicated that future Forest Service policy is evolving toward further restriction and perhaps elimination of fish stocking in some additional Wilderness lakes, especially by aircraft; and

WHEREAS, sport fishing in many Wilderness lakes is a key recreational activity that is compatible with a wilderness experience, and since this activity is increasing, certain presently barren wilderness lakes will require stocking as a means of distributing that use; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of trout populations in Wilderness lakes without supplemental stocking is often difficult, if not impossible, because of limited natural reproduction; and since aerial stocking is a biologically superior means of stocking such lakes with the least impact upon the environment and the best chance of survival of the stocked fish; and

WHEREAS, the stocking of remote barren lakes can be also used to perpetuate rare or endangered species;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society opposes further restriction by the U. S. Forest Service of fish stocking activities in Wilderness Lakes, except where the Forest Service determines, in cooperation with the appropriate State wildlife agency, that it is necessary to restrict fish stocking in order to affect a change in the distribution of recreation use for the purpose of correcting environmental damage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Regional policy of the Forest Service uniformly recognize that stocking of some lakes by aircraft is an appropriate and biologically superior management tool which should be expanded to include barren lakes when the stocking of such lakes is included in a special cooperative agreement between the Forest Service and the appropriate State fish and wildlife managing agency.

ADOPTED

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WESTERN DIVISION - AFS, RESOLUTION #2
STREAM ALTERATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, publicly constructed and subsidized stream alteration programs for flood control, irrigation, power generation, drainage, municipal and industrial use, and other purposes often result in the destruction of fish and wildlife habitat; and,

WHEREAS, these programs may cause irreparable damage to waterways and related land resources; and,

WHEREAS, compensatory measures for fish and wildlife damage are often either lacking or inadequate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 10-13, 1973, vigorously opposes publicly funded stream alteration programs, both existing and proposed, until natural resource values and recreation opportunities are comprehensively evaluated and resource enhancing, protecting and/or compensating recommendations are included as an integral part of the project and project cost; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Western Division encourages and supports administrative directives and legislative programs which will ensure the protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources in such programs.

VOTE TAKEN; MOTION TO ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT PASS - July 12, 1973

WESTERN DIVISION - AFS, RESOLUTION #3
ESTABLISHMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO THE DIVISIONS AND THEIR CHAPTERS

WHEREAS, the membership growth and strength of the Western Division and Parent Society is maintained and perpetuated through its State and student chapters; and

WHEREAS, the chapters currently active in the Western States need annual financial assistance to sustain and enhance their activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, this assistance could be received through financial rebates from the Western Division and the Parent Society on a per capita membership and project accomplishment formula,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society strongly encourages and requests the American Fisheries Society at its next annual executive board meeting to prepare a change in the Society's by-laws whereby the establishment of financial grants to the Divisions for assisting its Chapters is brought to the vote of the membership.