

# The Tributary

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Tom Nesler

### Mercenaries R Us?

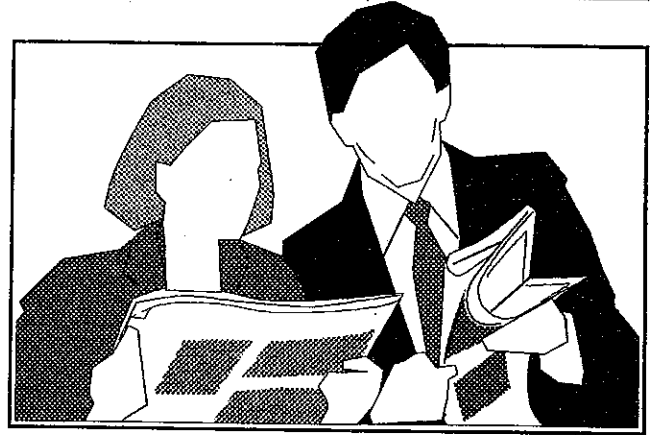
During my time on the Executive Committee, a question posed to my predecessor still comes to mind periodically. The question was something to the effect of "how do you plan to effectively represent the Division?" Good question. It seemed so then, and still influences my thoughts as I participate on the Governing Board, and as I watch others participate. It is my observation that too often, too little thought is given to representation, and more is given to "my opinion". As we discuss options for enhancing the income side of the AFS budget, and we consider electronic media services, membership dues, journal prices, and registration fees, we should strive to think in terms of members as well as increasing revenue to the Society. What will provide the best services to the most members? Representing the largest single unit within AFS (covering 13 western states, two Canadian provinces, Mexico, the Pacific Islands, and almost half of the Society membership) has an overwhelming aspect when one includes the adjective "effectively". Given the geographic scope of the Western Division, there is an inherent diversity of opinions, issues, and priorities. There is a relatively high level of activity and advocacy among our Chapters. In this setting, the task of effective representation by a Division President at the Society level

depends largely on the effectiveness of communication with and among the hierarchy of Division officers, Chapter Presidents and their executive committees.

All this size makes the Western Division's two-vote level of representation on the Governing Board seem less than equitable. I have listened to rumblings of dissatisfaction over this, usually in connection with rebates lost or maimed. But before we grab our filet knives and march on Bethesda demanding equity, let's think about what we really are, and what we really want. As one observes governance in action at the Chapter, Division, Section, or Society level, it is easy to conclude that we suffer from multiple agendas and special interest priorities that contribute to an identity crisis at the Society level. Simply put, we are either a Society that is stratified into geographic units and areas of specialty as a matter of better representation and governance, or we are a loose coalition of independent fiefdoms ready to pull up the drawbridge at the first hint of threat to our individual sovereignty. I would submit AFS was founded on the former, and should stay that way, though AFS units sometimes revert to the latter when they feel they are being "controlled" by the Society. As an association that survives on the leadership

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## SOCIETY NEWS



### We need a new Newsletter Editor!

And soon. Greg Kindschi has decided to rest on his laurels (or whatever) for awhile, and will be stepping down as Editor of the Tributary with the publication of this issue. Next to the Division's Secretary-Treasurer, this is the next most important position on the Executive Committee. Out of the 3,112 Western Division members who are not currently involved in an AFS committee, Chapter, or Section, surely there is one among this group who will volunteer for this important position. Please contact Greg Kindschi or one of the Division or Chapter officers as soon as possible.

### This is no bull (trout)!

The Division is looking for a new committee chairperson to succeed Karen Pratt for the bull trout conservation committee. Karen's work will be completed with the review of the Montana conservation plan documents. Given the range of bull trout, I would ask those Chapters who are involved more or less anyway with bull trout issues to solicit a chair and or participant among their ranks for this committee. Coordinating AFS involvement in conservation management activities for bull trout across its range and among Western Division Chapters seems appropriate at the Division level. It is likely this group will function as a species technical committee with the goal of reviewing the species' status and conservation activities annually. Committee products may include recommendations for guidelines, criteria, and priority actions to provide consistency. Given the potential for federal listing of the bull trout, this committee could provide important scientific peer review.

### The AFS Organizational Audit

The final report on the organizational audit of AFS and the Bethesda Office is now available. The Special Management Committee and Governing Board reviewed this report during the midyear meeting at Bethesda this past March. From its many recommendations, a number of stimulating questions on governance, fiscal management, and publishing within AFS became apparent. Division President Tom Nesler has made a list of these possible questions and provided them to each Chapter President for their consideration and input. (Indeed, NM-

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# CHAPTER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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AZ already has) At the Governing Board Retreat, Board members were provided with a summary of the organizational audit of AFS and the Bethesda office. The following were presented as current problems areas:

- 1) Involvement by members- a general lack of awareness of AFS structure and benefits.
- 2) Volunteer and Staff training is inadequate.
- 3) There is no integrated marketing and demographic database of the membership to guide product development.
- 4) Information management.
- 5) No sense of AFS mission and purpose by membership.
- 6) There has been no comprehensive member needs assessment recently.
- 7) AFS cannot keep both dues and product pricing low.
- 8) AFS has no advocacy policy (just procedures).
- 9) The function of Sections should be networking and peer communication, education, and development of expertise, not governance.
- 10) Current voting structure on Governing Board lacks equity with respect to membership represented by each unit.

Other than these, AFS was considered to be an exceptional association with respect to the high quality services and products made available to members.

## Draft Biocriteria Policy for AFS

The Water Quality Section symposium at Dearborn resulted in a suggestion that AFS encourage the EPA to promulgate ambient biocriteria for fish and benthos, and require states to use such criteria. The objective is to promote state protection of resident biota from degradation. If you are interested in participating, make Bob Hughes aware of your interest at [hughesb@heart.cor.epa.gov](mailto:hughesb@heart.cor.epa.gov).

## Role of Student Chapters

The trend in AFS has been for student chapters, based at universities, to function as a subunit of the state chapter in the state in which the university is located. This relationship is described in the Society bylaws. Procedurally, the student chapter president is part of the sponsoring state chapter executive committee, and the program of work or activities conducted by the student chapter are conducted through the auspices of the sponsoring state chapter. A change in the AFS bylaws has been proposed to further clarify this relationship. Student Chapters and State Chapters, please comment to Division President Tom Nesler if you are so compelled.

## Special Management Committee/ Governing Board actions at the March midyear meeting:

AFS will join the World Fisheries Council (along with Australia) as the founding members.

\* The Council of Aquatic Sciences (of which AFS is also a charter member) is now a reality since five professional societies have already joined. A motion at the Special Management Committee was tabled concerning a request for AFS to provide initial mailing services

\* An initiative is being pursued to develop a Watershed Section within AFS.

\* A motion was passed to raise AFS journal prices 6% in 1998, and journal pricing will follow the Consumer Price Index (CPI) every year thereafter.

\* All motions to accept unit bylaws changes submitted were passed (Cal-Neva, Oregon).

\* The bylaws will be clarified and presented as a motion in Monterey to formalize incorporation of the student chapters within corresponding state chapters.

\* \$39,000 will be invested equally among three mutual funds based on a recommendation from the Finance Advisory Committee.

\* Up to \$100,000 from AFS 2000 was approved to purchase needed computer hardware for the Bethesda office (part of what AFS 2000 funds were targeted for).

\* The 1996-97 AFS budget and the Executive Director's Performance Plan were approved.

## WESTERN DIVISION AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT BY DENNIS LEE

Nominations are being solicited for several Western

Division Awards that will be presented at the Western Division's Annual Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Parent Society Meeting scheduled for August, 1997 in Monterey, California. The awards summarized below are for individual and group achievements within the Division, some of which are given to non-AFS members. Please consider a nomination within the following categories:

**Award of Excellence.** This is the most prestigious award presented by the Western Division and is intended to recognize sustained professional excellence. It is presented annually to an AFS member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and exceptional competence in fishery resource applications through monumental works, new methodologies, or multiple successful contributions that benefit fishery resources and the profession. Successful nominees have usually excelled in research of management programs at the regional, national, or international levels. Other examples include fresh innovative approaches to improving our understanding of aquatic resources, and imaginative and successful programs in education at the level of teaching. Recent past recipients have included Tom Northcote, Bud Burgner, Jim Hall, Bob Behnke, Ted Bjornn, and Dr. Fred M. Utter.

**Award of Merit.** This award is presented to an AFS member(s) who has made a regionally significant and worthy contribution to our Division, our profession, or our fishery resources.

**Award of Special Recognition.** This award is presented to an individual or to an entity (such as an agency, tribe, or organization) making a significant contribution to the development and success of the Western Division.

**Robert Borovich Award.** This award is presented to an individual who has significantly contributed to fishery conservation within the Division. The individual may be a non-member of AFS.

**Conservation Achievement Award.** This award is typically presented to an entity that has demonstrated a significant contribution to the conservation of fishery resources with the Division. Similar to the Borovich Award, the recipient may be a non-member.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to recognize deserving individuals and groups for their contributions to our resources and Division. To make a nomination for 1997, please submit a brief letter with your nomination and justification, and include any supporting information you feel appropriate. Your letter should summarize the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee within a particular award category. Please submit your nominations to me by **June 15, 1997**.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR WESTERN DIVISION OFFICES BEING SOUGHT BY DENNIS P. LEE

Nominations are being solicited for three elected offices within the Division: Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and National Nominating Committee Representative. A summary of the duties of these positions are as follows:

The individual elected to Vice-President serves in consecutive years as President-Elect, President, and Immediate-Past President. As Vice-President, the elected individual chairs the Membership Committee, serves on the Program Committee, and assumes the duties of the President-Elect if the President-Elect is absent or unable to fulfill his or her responsibilities. Upon becoming President-Elect, the individual co-chairs the Division's Program Committee, prepares and presents the budget for his or her next fiscal year, and represents the Division at society Governing Board meetings twice each year. As President, the individual will preside at all Division meetings, serves on and reports to the Society's Governing Board, appoints committee chairs, and communicates with Chapter and Division Committee officials regarding WDAFS annual work plans and business. As Immediate-past President, the individual chairs the Division's nominating and Awards committees.

The individual elected as the Division's Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for keeping the official records, conduct its correspondence, and collect, disburse, and be the custodian for fees or assessments. In addition, the

individual performs other duties as requested by the Society Executive Director and prepares the minutes of Division meetings.

The individual elected as the Division's Representative to the Society's Nominating Committee is responsible for searching the Western Division membership for potential candidates for Society officer positions and aid in their nomination.

There are many individuals throughout the division with the leadership skills and abilities to serve as Division officers and representatives. Please submit your nominations to me by **June 15, 1997** or call to express your interest for these Western Division positions.

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## TRAVEL STIPEND FOR NATIVE AMERICAN/FIRST NATION STUDENTS

The Western Division of AFS is pleased to announce its third annual travel stipend for Native American/First Nation undergraduate students for attending the Western Division Annual Meeting. This year the Western Meeting is being held jointly with the Parent Society Annual Meeting in Monterey, California, August 24-28, 1997. The Western Division will offer a total amount not to exceed \$500 for one or more students to attend this Annual Meeting. This money comes entirely from funds generated by the Western Division Native People's Fisheries Committee. The Committee hopes that such an award will provide an incentive to increase attendance by Native American/First Nation students at upcoming Division meetings.

To apply for the stipend, students must be Native American/First Nation undergraduates and they must be enrolled at an accredited college within the geographical boundaries of the Division. The major field of study must be in the biological sciences with a minimum GPA of 2.75. Also, each applicant must provide:

1. An essay (up to 300 words) on their career goals and why they wish to attend the Western Division Annual Meeting;
2. Copies of relevant college transcripts;
3. Evidence of tribal affiliation; and
4. An estimated budget of travel costs to attend the Monterey, California Annual Meeting.

Those interested in applying should please send the above information postmarked by **June 26** to:

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## 10TH WESTERN GROUND FISH CONFERENCE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

This conference will be held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, California from February 1-5, 1998. Conference organizers are now soliciting your interest in attending the Western Groundfish Conference and/or contributing presentations (oral and/or poster). The Western Groundfish Conference has been held biannually at various locations along the west coast since 1981. It is a unique forum for disseminating current research results and discussing management alternatives for some of the west coast's most valuable marine resources. The conference includes participants from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, British Columbia, and often other states and provinces. Attendees represent state, federal, and provincial fishery agencies, regional fishery management councils, universities, conservation groups, and the fishing industry. Members of private research institutes and other marine industries typically participate as well. The setting of this meeting has always been kept less formal than other conferences, with the intent of fostering communication between the different stakeholders and managers of our fishery programs.

Please submit information on your interest in participating at our web site under "Whats New at PFEG":

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www.pfeg.noaa.gov or contact Mary Yoklavich (NMFS Pacific Fisheries Environmental Group, 1352 Lighthouse Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950-2097, myoklavich@pfeg.noaa.gov), phone: 408-648-9036, FAX: 408-648-8440.

## Salvelinus confluentus (Bulltrout) Curiosity Society 1997 Workshop

The Salvelinus confluentus Curiosity Society (SCCS) is a group of Northwest fisheries biologists that have a common interest in bull trout. SCCS annual workshops usually involve a day working on a field project and additional time for presentations and discussions.

The 1997 SCCS meeting will be held in Montana, and the 1998 meeting will be in Nevada. The focus of the 1997 Montana SCCS meeting will be monitoring bull trout populations - survey methodologies, basis for trend information, site selection, etc. There will also be presentations on other bull trout studies as well as status reports, and we would appreciate suggestions for speakers, roundtable discussions, etc.

Dates for the workshop have been moved back several times to avoid the late high flows we are expecting due to our 160% snow pack. Plans are to begin at noon August 4th and finish up on noon August 6th. Our field project will involve juvenile abundance estimates in Rock Creek.

Plans are to use the WF Rock Creek Forest Service Work Camp as base, which will allow for a kitchen, meeting room and electricity. Camping accommodations are available. Rock Creek is a spectacular blue ribbon Montana trout stream with headwaters in the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness Area.

A registration form with more information is available upon request. If you are interested in attending or have suggestions for this workshop contact Shelley Spalding, Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, 1420 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620. FAX: 406-444-4952, phone: 406-444-7409, e-mail: sspalding@mt.gov. There is a bull trout home page at <http://home.aol.com/BullTrt>. Jim Capurso (e-mail: JimCapurso@AOL.com) will gladly add any new information you could provide. Please contact either Shelley or Jim if interested.

## RARE WHALES SEEN IN ALASKA

Fairbanks, Alaska--It's been more than 100 years since anyone's seen a right whale calf in Alaskan waters. But Pam Goddard was among a group of federal fisheries scientists in the right place at the right time recently to see a right whale calf and three adults near Alaska's Bristol Bay.

"When we first saw them, they appeared to be swimming along the surface, possibly feeding," says Goddard. "They were all in very close contact, particularly a larger whale and a smaller whale, which we think was a calf, were very close together, rubbing against each other. Oftentimes they had their fins in the air. Sometimes they would dive together."

Northern right whales are among the world's rarest. Goddard's July observation was the first time since 1967 that anyone had seen more than two right whales at one time in the North Pacific. But more exciting is that at least one calf was among the four adult whales. Dave Rugh says no one has seen that in more than a century. This important discovery is giving scientists reason to hope for the species' survival.

"The fear was that they weren't getting together, that the animals were on the way to extinction," says Rugh. "There just weren't enough around to produce the next generation. At least we've got one new one coming on that could be around for another 50-60 years perhaps."

Commercial whalers of a century ago called these whales the "right whale" because their blubber was rich with oil, they were easy to hunt, and when killed, they floated on the surface. Tens of thousands of right whales once lived in the North Pacific Ocean, from Japan to Alaska's Bering Sea. But by 1900, the northern right whale was all but gone. In the years since, there have been only a few sightings.

For more information, contact Pam Goddard, National Marine Fisheries Service, 206-525-4176; or Dave Rugh, National Marine Fisheries Service, 206-526-4018.

## INTERNET SALMON

Fairbanks, Alaska--Students tracking the progress of salmon returning to the Yukon River next year may find

the job as easy as logging onto the information superhighway.

In an experiment this past fall, scientists planted tiny transmitters in the stomachs of 50 adult chum salmon migrating past the upper Yukon River village of Rampart. The transmitters emit a radio signal that helps biologists track salmon migrating to spawning grounds in northeast Alaska and Canada.

Scientists will implant transmitters again next year, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service science educator Laurel Devaney will put the progress of the salmon on the Internet, on what just might be the first salmon home page.

"Any school should be able to download the information about these fish," says Devaney. "As these fish with transmitters head upstream, they should be able to log into this data and if they adopt a certain fish, they should be able to know where it is within the river at any one time."

The site would be interactive where schools in villages along the river can exchange information with each other and with the rest of the world.

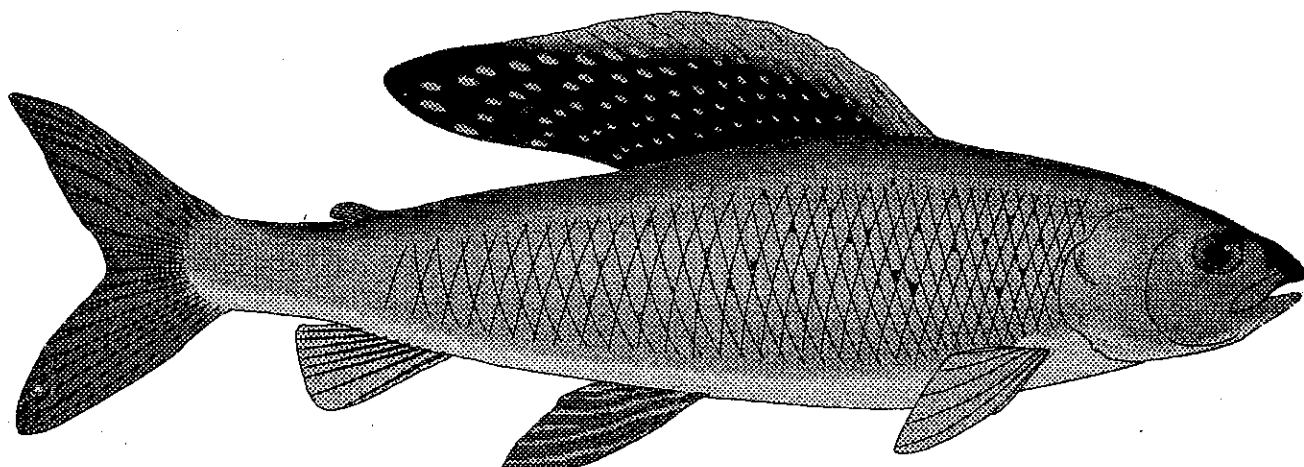
"Villages all along the river could share information,"

Devaney says. "One village might talk about how they're using those salmon for subsistence purposes. Another village might share ideas about how the habitats differ."

For more information contact Laurel Devaney, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, phone: 907-456-0558.

## 21ST ANNUAL LARVAL FISH CONFERENCE

The 21st Annual Meeting of the Early Life History Section will be held June 26-July 2, 1997 at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the 77th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. For more information contact either: Ted W. Pietsch, School of Fisheries, University of Washington, Box 355100, Seattle, Washington 98195-5100. Phone: 206-534-8923, E-mail: twp@fish.washington.edu or Julia K. Parrish, Zoology Department, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 98195. Phone: 206-616-2958, E-mail: jparrish@u.washington.edu.



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# SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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and initiative of volunteers, a series of faces continually appear and disappear through the revolving door of annual elections. As a result, AFS is vulnerable to all the hazards of inconsistent group dynamics and capricious decision-making unless there is continual reference to our corporate memory to anchor current decisions. That is part of the function of our Executive Director, and why the process of representation as a Society officer is a five-year commitment.

As the Society has grown into 4 divisions, 50 chapters, 21 sections and innumerable committees, the wonder of it all is how the Society has navigated through 125 years intact and maintained its credibility as a professional scientific body. The likely answer is found in the core of our mission and dedication of our members. Perhaps it's not a matter of wonder, but a matter of course. We are a society of professionals dedicated to the enhancement of fisheries and aquatic science through conservation, management, education, and research. Those whose main concern is "what does AFS do for me" would do well to bear in mind who and what we are. As we organize meetings, workshops, and symposia; and publish proceedings, journal articles, and books about a vast array of aquatic topics, we tend to get caught up in the prestige of ourselves and lose sight of a very important aspect of our Society. While each of us may contribute to the reputation and credibility of AFS by our individual,

Chapter, Division, or Section accomplishments, it is also the time-honored reputation of AFS that lends recognition, credibility and weight to the purpose and quality of our individual workshops, symposia, proceedings, and journal articles.

With this in mind, it is incongruous to observe the mercenary behavior of AFS units seeking further economic profit to supplement their treasuries while the Bethesda office forgoes what most of us now consider basic amenities in our jobs like personal computers for most of the full time staff. It is ironic to observe members expectations that their book project or proceedings must be published by AFS expeditiously, while the inventory of "nonprofit" book projects continues to grow and impose additional storage costs to the Society. I know. One of them was spearheaded by me. Once we have the publication credit to supplement our resume's, we quickly forget whether our book project makes a profit or loss for AFS. We expect fiscal responsibility of the Bethesda office, yet decline to shoulder some of the financial burden accruing from our collective decisions from the past.

So what does this all have to do with the price of representation in the Western Division? With representation comes responsibility. If one presumes AFS governance is guided by equal representation of its members, than several options may be before us. The first question I have to ask though is - does it make sense to any member to be represented by multiple AFS units on the Governing Board? Each of you are represented by the Western

Division, and by as many Sections as you care to join that have more than 200 members. Does this make sense? My sense tells me that 1) voting representation should be by geography alone, 2) representation on the AFS Governing Board should occur at the Division level, and 3) each Division should have approximately the same number of members. This translates into a number of outcomes. One is the need to decide whether the Western should split into two divisions (e.g. Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast); a second is that the Sections will likely feel threatened by this idea, and will tighten the chains on the drawbridges if their influence in AFS governance appears in jeopardy. A third permutation would be to bestow one Governing Board vote per unit per 200 (or 500?) members. Like California, Texas, and New York at election time; the Western Division becomes the "make it or break it" AFS unit, and now all the other Divisions and Sections feel threatened (and would most certainly opt for splitting units to maintain equal voting power).

Next thing you know, with this kind of precedent, the larger Western Division Chapters will be asking for more equitable representation at the Division level. While I have as much pride in being a Western Division member as the rest of you, let's not be mercenary about this. We are a professional, scientific society first, and organizational subunits second. If we want more equitable representation on the Governing Board, let's determine a way that is of most benefit to the American Fisheries Society.

### Wild Trout VI

**"Putting the Native Back in Wild Trout"**  
**Montana State University, Bozeman**  
**Strand Union Building**  
**August 17-20, 1997**

Sponsored by: Trout and Salmon Foundation, Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, American Fisheries Society and Montana Chapter AFS.

### Purpose and Goals of the Symposium

The Wild Trout Symposia were established as a forum for working professionals and fishery conservationists from across North America to improve awareness of current research and critical issues facing wild trout resources. The objectives of Wild Trout VI are to raise the public awareness of native wild trout, their social and economic value, examine the future of wild trout in a society with increases in urbanization and decreases in funds, and evaluate strategies for restoration and protection of these fish.

Since 1974 an international symposium has been convened every 5 years in Yellowstone National Park to focus on the ecology and management of wild trout. The symposia have evolved over the years to encompass a broader view of wild trout and their habitat. Concerns for wild trout have increased the need to improve communications among managers, scientists, and anglers. The record attendance at Wild Trout V indicates the interest in wild trout remains high and is increasing. To cope with rapid developments and increasing demand for information the cycle has been shortened to 3 years.

Wild Trout VI is being hosted by Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana because we have outgrown facilities at the Park. Rest assured that we will not abandon the spirit of the earlier gatherings and we will continue the traditions of the previous Wild Trout Symposia.

Montana State University has excellent facilities to make our stay enjoyable. The waters of Yellowstone National Park are about an hour away and Bozeman is near many of Montana's Blue Ribbon Trout streams.

### Symposium Features Plenary Sessions

Plenary Sessions will feature well known speakers on a variety of topics of interest to wild trout enthusiasts and professionals.

### Field Trips

A field trip will be available on Wednesday afternoon, August 20, 1997. We will tour the Federation of Fly Fishers Museum in Livingston, Montana. There is an extensive collection of flies as well as antique and modern fly fishing equipment and also habitat and conservation displays.

### Other Features

The symposia will also include a trade show, BBQ, Banquet Awards Luncheon and more.

### Schedule of Events

#### Sunday, August 17

6:00PM to 9:00PM: Registration at Strand Union, MSU. Refreshments will be sponsored by Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers.

#### Monday, August 18

7:30AM to 2:00 PM Registration  
 8:00AM to 10:00AM Opening Remarks  
 10:00 AM to 5:00 Sessions and Luncheon  
 6:00 to 9:00 PM Banquet

#### Tuesday, August 19

7:30AM to 2:00 PM Registration  
 8:00AM to 5:00PM Sessions and Luncheon  
 6:00 to 9:00 PM Western Barbeque

### Wednesday, August 20

8:00AM to 12:00PM Sessions and Luncheon  
 1:00PM to 4:00PM Fly Fishers Museum tour

Registration includes luncheons on Monday and Tuesday, banquet Tuesday evening, BBQ Wednesday evening, and morning and afternoon breaks each day. All checks are to be made in U.S. funds or drawn on a U.S. bank. If you reside outside USA, please use an International or U.S. Postal Money Order. MSU accepts the following credit cards: MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and Novus. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the address on the bottom of this page. The fee, less \$20, will be refunded if cancellation is made before May 30, 1997. Any cancellations made after this date are non-refundable.

### Registration Form

#### Wild Trout VI

August 17-22, 1997

This information will be used to create your name tag.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate spaces, enter all costs, and total.

Registration Fees:	Before May 30	After May 30
Registration	\$125	\$150
Extra BBQ Tickets	_____ X (\$15)	_____
Extra Banquet Tickets	_____ X (\$20)	_____
Extra Luncheon Tickets, Mon.	_____ X (\$8)	_____
Extra Luncheon Tickets, Tues.	_____ X (\$8)	_____
<b>Total Registration Fee</b>	_____	_____

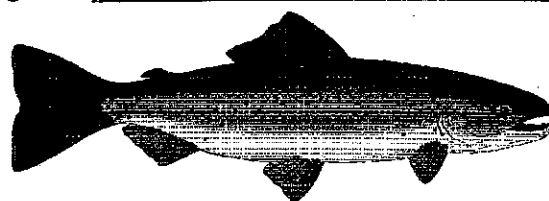
\_\_\_\_\_ Check to Montana State University-Bozeman enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Institutional Purchase Order enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



### Housing Registration Form

August 17-20, 1997

#### Meal Package through Residence Hall

#### Dining includes:

Monday, August 18	Breakfast
Tuesday, August 19	Breakfast
Wednesday, August 20	Breakfast
<b>Total Meal Package:</b>	<b>*\$12.15</b>

\*(includes a 10% discount)

Meals can also be purchased on a cash basis at various locations in Strand Union Building.

#### Room Package includes:

Sunday, August 17 through Tuesday night August 19.

\*Additional nights can be purchased on a per-night basis at \$13.00 per person per night, double occupancy, and \$17 per night, single occupancy plus a 4% accommodations tax.

Please check appropriate spaces, enter all costs, and total.

Room/ meal options:	# People	Price	Total
Single Room/Meal Package	_____ X	\$65.19	_____
Double Room/Meal Package	_____ X	\$52.71	_____
(Based on per person charge)			
Single Room Only	_____ X	\$53.04	_____
Double Room Only	_____ X	\$40.56	_____
Meal Package only	_____ X	\$12.15	_____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (M) (F) Roommate Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Bozeman is served by Delta, Horizon, and Northwest airlines. A list of off-campus accommodations (motels and bed and breakfasts) is available upon request at the address below.

Return completed form and check, money order or credit card number with type of credit card, expiration date, and exact name appearing on credit card to:

Wild Trout VI  
 Conference Services, Room 280F Strand Union  
 MSU-Bozeman, P.O. Box 174150  
 Bozeman, MT 59717-4150  
 Phone: (406) 994-3333 Fax: (406) 994-3228  
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