



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO CHAPTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to another edition of the Chapter Newsletter, and my last attempt at providing a President's Message. As you will find out reading through the newsletter, we are going ahead with plans to hold a Chapter meeting in late April. I want to take this opportunity to comment on the format for this meeting, that may help in understanding changes and choices our Chapter must consider for the future.

Our annual meetings have normally been three-day affairs offering a conference surrounding a central theme. We had to cancel our meeting last fall due to travel restrictions facing most of our members (I am hopeful that we will still be able to meet next fall and talk about Aboriginal fisheries issues). At the Mid-West Fish and Wildlife Conference in December, twenty Chapter members met and felt that it would be valuable to get together this spring to hold a business meeting, and to develop position statements. We have put together an agenda which will allow us to do this, as well as discuss the enigmatic topic of valuing resources. The meeting has been reduced to an afternoon-evening and next-day morning session to help reduce costs. I'm sure we will all be facing travel and budget constraints again, but I would like to urge all members to make their best effort to attend.

We all have opinions along a variety of avenues that may seem unrelated at first glance, but eventually lead to the central theme of fish. Decredentialism of professionals is a good example. So too are management proposals with no resource inventory data. How about the fast approaching resource allocation dilemma?

The recent past has witnessed development and support of a Canadian Office of the AFS where a concerted effort is being made to establish a home base from which we make our concerns known. We have had some recent inquiries from American Chapters about our position on a number of

topics such as the movement of fish between waterbodies, the use of live bait, and a specific request from the Minnesota Chapter on water level regulation on some border waters.

The time is right to develop official position statements on issues that are pertinent to aquatic resource management in northern Ontario. Although we have done so in the past, we have not put enough effort into this activity due to time commitments and perceived conflicts for government employees. The format of our April gathering will put more emphasis on the business meeting to allow time to develop and debate positions, and to get our Chapter focused. Not only that, but you get to elect a new executive.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work, ideas, and support over the last year and a half.

Randy Wepruk

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CHAPTER AND COMMITTEE NEWS

Minutes of Chapter Meeting - December 7, 1992, Regal Constellation Hotel, Toronto

1) The meeting was called to order at 1945 hrs.

2) Guests present at the meeting included Carlos Fetterolf, Paul Brouha, Hal Schraeder, Jack Christie

3) Determination of quorum.

Twenty members were present. A motion was put forward to waive quorum by Bev Ritchie, seconded by Kim Armstrong.

4) Sustainable Fisheries Network. Jack Christie, made a presentation on the SFN. Jack felt that the Chapter could recommend the formation of a local "round table" on the subject and act as the facilitators.

5) Items in the Chapter Long Range Plan, Al Dextrase. Several aspects of the Chapter's long range plan were discussed that have yet to be implemented. Action Item: The executive must proceed on several fronts to fully implement the plan.

6) Amendment of the Bylaws.

A motion was put forward by Terry Marshall to amend the Chapter by-laws to add the positions of Vice-President and Assistant Newsletter Editor to the Chapter's Executive Committee. The Vice-President would progress to President-elect and on to President. The Assistant Newsletter Editor will progress to the Newsletter Editor. The motion was seconded by Jon Tost. Action Item: the by-laws and the job descriptions (duty of the officers) need to be re-written to reflect the approved changes. This should be completed and put to a vote at the

April business meeting. Nominations for executive positions should be sent ahead of the Chapter meeting so that everyone is prepared.

7) Membership Committee, Ed Paleczny. A draft pamphlet was presented to assist with a membership drive. The pamphlet needs input on past accomplishments of the Chapter. Action Item: Dana Kinsman to check for continuity package and send to Ed Iwachewski. Bev Ritchie made a motion that the executive should ensure by November, 1993 a notice of dues application be sent to both current membership and send the notice out to the old membership lists, who we have not been soliciting. The motion was seconded by Kim Armstrong.

8) Carlos Fetterolf (AFS President) and Paul Brouha (AFS Executive Director), spoke to the Chapter. Carlos views Chapter members not belonging to the parent society as "potential" members. The most effective strategy is to invite people to join the Parent Society. The NW Ontario Chapter is concerned that many students and technicians may be lost since the Parent Society would seem to have more appeal for biologists, and students are usually living on a limited budget. Carlos will keep pursuing the name change of the American Fisheries Society. He emphasized that no matter what the name, the purpose and the mission of the Society are still the same. They are willing to assist with this endeavour.

Paul indicated that there is a focus on continuing education, certification and they want to make the AFS services more germane to Canadian members.

9) Old Business, Kim Armstrong indicated that the meeting in April should go ahead. A motion was put forward to approve the next meeting/workshop date for April 6, Al Dextrase. The motion was seconded by Bev Ritchie. The location of the April meeting will be Thunder Bay. The meeting will be a 2 day workshop during which there will be a contributed paper session and the Chapter will prepare some position statements for discussion. Topics such as the movement of fish between waterbodies and baitfish could be considered.

10) Canadian Aquatic Resources Section (CARS), Terry Marshall has copies of the CARS action plan. The Canadian office is expected to be in place in 1993.

11) Walter Momot moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul MacMahon at 2140 hrs.



"You left your wallet at the fish shop!"

Editors' Notes

As you can see, this is an abbreviated edition of our newsletter to let you know about the details of our April meeting. There is a pre-registration form for the meeting on the last page of this newsletter. If you can make the meeting, please send in your pre-registration as soon as possible.

You will also notice that there is a place on the pre-registration form for nominations for the Chapter Executive Committee positions. Please submit any nominations you have as the elections will take place at the April meeting.

We would like to apologize for some misinformation in the last issue. Ed Paleczny and his committee did in fact put a membership pamphlet together, and did a great job.

Finally, as this is our last issue as editors, we would like to thank everyone for their help and contributions. We've enjoyed working with you! ☺

Helen Ball and Alan Dextrase

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Randy Wepruk - President
Kim Armstrong - President-Elect
Dana Kinsman - Secretary/Treasurer
Helen Ball, Al Dextrase - Newsletter Editors

COMMITTEES

Membership - Ed Paleczny (Chair), Ed Iwachewski, Rod Sein
Fund-Raising- Dana Kinsman (Chair), Walter Momot, Rod Sein
Certification - Bev Ritchie (Chair), Walter Momot, Terry Marshall

PARENT SOCIETY AND DIVISION NEWS

News from CARS

It has been a busy winter for the Canadian Aquatic Resources Section. In addition to the hard work of all of the Section's committees, the AFS raffle has become of primary importance. At last September's Annual Meeting in Rapid City, the Parent Society pledged some financial support towards the development of a Canadian Office, and also committed the proceeds of the next two AFS raffles towards the same cause. There is only one catch - CARS members have to organize and run the raffles. This is a huge task with potentially great rewards.

CARS President Don MacDonald is chairing the CARS Raffle Committee. An action plan has been developed and teams have been set up in the various regions in the country. These teams have the responsibility of soliciting donations that will serve as prizes for the Parent Society raffle in Portland, Oregon next September. Prizes being solicited include hunting and fishing trips, prints, guns, fishing gear, etc. If you feel you could help out, or have a line on a good raffle prize, please contact Terry Marshall.

Things are really starting to roll for CARS. There's no time like the present to get involved in CARS activities. ☺

Alan Dextrase

CALENDAR

April 27-28, 1993 - *Meeting of the Northwestern Ontario Chapter of AFS - Resource Valuation* - Norwester Hotel, Thunder Bay, Ontario - see last page of Newsletter for registration information.

June 9-11, 1993 - *Larval Fish Workshop: Identification and field sampling of freshwater fish larvae, with an emphasis on Great Lakes species* - Lake Itasca Biological Station, Minnesota. Registration Deadline April 10. Contact Mark Cook, Area Fisheries Headquarters, 2114 Bemidji Ave., Bemidji, Minnesota 56601, ph. (218)755-3917.

August 28-September 3, 1993 - *The 123rd Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society*. Jantzen Beach Red Lion Hotel, Portland, Oregon. Contact Paul Brouha, AFS, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-2199, (301) 897-8616. ☺

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NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO CHAPTER SPRING MEETING

RESOURCE VALUATION

April 27-28, 1993, Norwester Hotel, Thunder Bay

AGENDA

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| April 27 | 1100 | Registration |
| | 1200 | Lunch |
| | 1330 | Chapter business meeting Subcommittee Reports Bylaw Amendments Election of Officials Position Statements |
| | 1830 | Banquet (with guest speaker) |
| April 28 | | Resource Valuation |
| | 0830 | Douglass Legg - Economics of the Ontario sport fishery. Wolfgang Haider - Effects of timber harvest on tourism values. Laurie Gravelines - Socioeconomics of non-timber values. |
| | 1200 | Lunch |
| | 1330 | Randy Wepruk - Economics of the Rainy Lake fishery. |
| | 1500 | Wrap up |

The costs for attending the meeting are as follows:

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| o | Registration | \$40.00 (students \$30.00) |
| o | Membership dues | \$10.00 (AFS members \$5.00) |
| o | Banquet | \$30.00 |
| o | Accommodation | \$75.00/single, \$45.00/based on double occupancy. |

A block of rooms has been reserved, please book a room directly by April 13, and indicate you are with AFS. You can do this by phoning the Norwester Hotel at (807)473-9123. Please note, lunches and breakfast are not included in the cost.

Please complete the registration information below and mail with your registration fee (\$40.00 plus membership dues - cheque only please) by April 13 to: **Dana Kinsman, Ministry of Natural Resources, Box 448, Ignace, Ontario, P0T 1T0.**

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS

PRESIDENT ELECT: _____

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: _____

VICE-PRESIDENT: _____

ASSISTANT EDITOR: _____

Your Name: _____

Please send nominations to Dana Kinsman.