



AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The annual meeting of the NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER was held 18-19 January at the Duke University Marine Laboratory on Pivers Island in Beaufort. Attenders arrived only slightly in advance of the latest Arctic air mass which pushed temperatures during the second day of the meeting to an unusually cool 15° F. Attendance was adversely affected by the fact that many members from the western part of the state were unable to travel due to hazardous road conditions. Despite the weather, 49 Chapter members attended. Special appreciation is due the Arrangements and Program Committee members who worked hard to put together a fine program, arrange for meals and extracurricular activities, and ensure that the entire meeting ran smoothly.

Highlights of the meeting included an address to the Chapter by former AFS President Carlos Fetterolf, numerous excellent technical presentations, all by Chapter members, and a spirited business meeting. Extracurricular activities included a clam bake, raffle sponsored by the Student Subunit, and social at the North Carolina Maritime Museum. Members enjoyed conversation and refreshments while surrounded by the museum's extensive shell collection and exhibits on early North Carolina shipbuilding, coastal lifesaving and recreational and commercial fishing activities.

Newly installed Chapter officers are Wilson Laney, president; Don Degan, president-elect; and Shari Bryant, secretary-treasurer. Bob Goldstein is the current newsletter editor. Bob replaced Sheryl Bryan, who did a great job as the Chapter's first newsletter editor.

Award recipient for best student paper was Steven Haeseker from the North Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit for his presentation, "Summer distribution and condition of striped bass within Albemarle Sound, North Carolina". Steve received a plaque, an AFS membership and a subscription to *Transactions*. The Chapter extends its appreciation to Rich Noble, Jim Rice and Scott Van Horn for agreeing to judge the paper competition.

Special appreciation in recognition of provision of financial support for the meeting goes to Fish and Wildlife Associates, John Boaze, in Whittier, North Carolina.

Prepared by Wilson Laney, President,
and Elizabeth Noble,
former Secretary-Treasurer, North Carolina Chapter.

**MINUTES OF THE 1994 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
DUKE MARINE LAB, BEAUFORT, NC
JANUARY 19, 1994**

The annual business meeting was convened at 10:30 AM, with President-Elect Wilson Laney presiding. Chapter President Frank McBride had the flu and could not attend. Determination of a quorum was made.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT: Secretary-Treasurer Liz Noble read the 1993 annual meeting minutes. The minutes were approved. Liz also reported that in 1993 the Executive Committee met in April (Raleigh) and July (Morehead City). Both times, officers concentrated on the chapter's 1994 annual meeting and *Long Range Plan*. The Treasurer's report was also submitted to the membership by Liz Noble. Balance as of 17 January 1994 was \$1,056.82. Revenue from the 1993 annual meeting was \$1,855.33. Expenses were \$1,709.50. Dues in 1993 were \$841.00. Debits for 1993 were \$413.41 for newsletter expenses, \$73.12 for best student paper awards, and \$119.04 for chapter stationery. The Treasurer's report was approved. Elise Irwin noted that the student sub-unit should receive \$4.00 for each student who paid dues in 1993. Liz sent John Carmichael a \$48.00 (12 students) dues rebate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Local Arrangements: Tom Jones reported that 49 people attended this year's annual meeting. Nine people stayed in the dorms and 46 folks attended the clam bake. Duke charges were \$1,323.00. Amount collected at registration was \$1,481.00. Other meeting charges were \$35.00 for the group photo, \$53.41 for AFS Past President Carlos Fetterolf's lodging, \$50.00 for use of the North Carolina Maritime Museum, \$35.00 for President and Best Student Paper plaques, and \$60.44 for additional refreshments for the two socials. Tom Jones, Liz Noble and Wilson Laney are commended for a job well done! Thanks also to Katherine Potak for helping with registration and Kathy Guindon for acting as projectionist.

Program Committee: Wilson Laney thanked program committee members Joe Hightower, Scott Van Horn and John Carmichael for all their hard work. Ideas for future meetings were then discussed. Gerald Pottern suggested a poster session in addition to oral presentations. Carlos Fetterolf suggested a panel of experts with diverse viewpoints to discuss controversial fisheries issues. Joe Hightower suggested half day workshops on either hydroacoustics or Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Maintaining genetic integrity was another suggested topic. It was agreed that the 1994 meeting format had been a great success with excellent technical papers presented.

Newsletter: Bob Goldstein, newsletter editor, reported that 120 newsletters were distributed in September and 225 newsletters in December. Bob requested that chapter news be submitted to *Fisheries*. A group photo was taken at the meeting. This photo along with a news story was sent to *Fisheries* (April issue) shortly after the meeting. A reminder was that the membership voted unanimously at the 1993 annual meeting to send annual meeting announcement to all members of AFS with North Carolina zip codes, whether they were chapter members or not.

Environmental Concerns: Chairman Stephanie Goudreaux was not at the meeting and no report from the committee was made. There was some discussion about the need for volunteers to serve on the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (SAFMC) advisory panels. Those interested should contact Carrie Knight, SAFMC, Charleston, SC. President-Elect Wilson Laney expressed his interest in continued work by the chapter dealing with environmental concerns that affect fish and their habitats.

Nominations Committee: Scott Van Horn announced Donald Degan had been elected President-Elect and Shari Bryant had been elected Secretary-Treasurer.

STUDENT SUB-UNIT REPORT

John Carmichael reported that \$270 had been raised through T-shirt sales and \$387 from the raffle. Students can use this money to attend meetings. The students have set up a bulletin board at NC State to post meeting and job announcements. In 1993 the sub-unit participated in "Pathway to Fishing" sponsored by Sports Unlimited in Raleigh. John recognized students Milli Hayman and Elise Irwin for running the raffle, and Katherine Potak and Kathy Guindon for helping with the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Long Range Plan: The membership voted to approve the chapter's *Long Range Plan*. The next step is the development of a strategic plan and appointment of members to new committees. It was suggested that a prototype for this plan be the newly developed AFS strategic plan. Ideas from the North American Fisheries Action Agenda should also be incorporated.

Meeting Costs: Gene Huntsman made a motion to increase meeting registration as a way to raise money. Comments were generally in disagreement with this idea. Jim Rice felt we should keep the cost as low as possible. Rich Noble felt meeting expense should not be for profit. Elise Irwin felt that students should not have to pay a late registration fee. A vote was taken and the motion failed.

Chapter Membership: Rich Noble reminded the members that, as stated in our by-laws, to be a member of the chapter you had to be a member of AFS. Much discussion followed. The bottom line was that if non-AFS members would like to participate in the North Carolina chapter activities they were welcome, but they could not vote or hold office.

INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT: Wilson Laney was installed as President and a Past-President's plaque was given to Frank McBride. Fred Harris accepted for Frank. Several remarks by the new President were made. He encouraged everyone to get involved and to give him a call with ideas or suggestions.

BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD: Steven Haeseker (NCSU) won this year's award for his presentation "Summer distribution and condition of striped bass within Albemarle Sound, North Carolina". He received a year's student membership to AFS, a year's subscription to *Transactions* and a plaque.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Submitted by Liz Noble, Secretary-Treasurer
25 January 1994

TREASURER'S REPORT by Liz Noble

January 18, 1994

Previous Balance (2/5/93): \$687.17

Cash Flood:

Membership dues received	7.00
AFS Chapter dues rebate	834.00
1993 Annual meeting revenue	1,855.33

TOTAL FLOOD 2,696.33

Cash Ebb:

Newsletter	413.41
Student Paper Award	73.12
Chapter stationery	119.04
1993 Annual meeting expenses	1,709.50

TOTAL EBB 2,326.68

NC AFS Balance as of 2-17-94 \$1,056.82



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Anyone who is working in conservation programs concerned with aquatic ecosystems including all fisheries professionals, geneticists, systemists, natural resource managers, tribal personnel, and agency personnel should attend.

For more information on the conference and registration, contact: Christine Gan or Cindy Carpanzano
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401 Barker Hall - AC Wilson Laboratory
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Doubletree Inn, Monterey, CA *May 23—25, 1994*

AFS MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Chairman Bruce Menzel requests nominations prior to April 15 for this honor previously won by Bob Hutton, Reeve Bailey, Carl Sullivan, Mary Frye, and Ken Carlander. Send the following materials on your nominee: name, address, professional field, date of membership in AFS, AFS elective offices held and committee appointments, chapter, division, section, parent society, outstanding examples of meritorious commitment, and outstanding examples of meritorious achievement. Return to Bruce Menzel, Dept. of Animal Ecology, 124 Science II, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011 or FAX to 515/294-7978.

1994 TROUT STREAM HABITAT IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP

Will be held at the Marlborough Inn, Calgary, Alberta, on Sept. 6-9, 1994. For more information, contact Garry Szabo at 403-221-8365 (FAX 403-221-8368) or Lorene Fitch at 403-381-5281 (FAX 403-381-5723).

AFS ONLINE WITH COMPUSERVE

AFS has its own section on Earth Forum on Compuserve. A free sign-up package includes \$15 of free connect time. For more information, call 1-800-848-8199, and ask for operator 190 to get the free CIS subscription.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OTHER AFS NEWSLETTERS

Southern Division: Outgoing President Larry Olmsted passed the gavel to Larry Wilson. There are reports from the Arkansas, Texas, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, and West Virginia Chapters, and the Introduced Fish Section, established to deal with zebra mussels.

Education Section: Three books were produced this past year, including *Inland Fisheries Management in North America*. Editor Kevin Pope likes publishing titles of theses and dissertations but hasn't received any lately and wonders, "Is anyone graduating out there?"

Genetics Section: Eric Hallerman is editing a textbook on fish genetics for graduate students and advanced undergraduates. The section is debating the concept of eliminating stock transfers as a means of protecting genetic resources of aquatic organisms. The pros and cons will be discussed in an upcoming issue of *Fisheries*.

Northeastern Division: Review of the 1993 annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, an interview with D. James Baker, new NOAA Administrator, and a review of Cooperative Fishery Research Units. The units were begun under the direction of Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling, Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, forerunner of the USF&WS. (Now you know who Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge honors.)

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