

## THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

### The President's Comments:

Well, it has finally happened! Following approval of our bylaws by the American Fisheries Society Excom in March, and approval by the membership at the annual AFS Business Meeting in Pittsburgh, the North Carolina Chapter of AFS was officially chartered on September 10, 1990. The parent society Excom and staff have extended us a hearty welcome, and have already provided us with a wealth of information that will help get the Chapter off to a smooth and efficient start. Your Executive Committee is working to digest this information and implement it for 1991.

With the NC AFS Chapter now officially in place, the final formality in our transition from Fisheries Workers Association to AFS Chapter is dissolution of the Association. According to the Association Constitution, the only action this will require is a vote by the membership at the 1991 annual meeting to dissolve the association and transfer its remaining assets to the NC AFS Chapter, followed by a brief letter of termination and accounting sent to all Association members. I am convinced that this transition to Chapter status will only enhance our ability to achieve the original goals that led to formation of the Association four years ago.

While the details of finalizing our Chapter status have gotten lots of attention, there are several other things happening. The Environmental Permitting Process Committee has been reappointed as a standing committee under a new name, the Environmental Affairs Committee, and under the able leadership of Pete Kornegay and Scott Van Horn. This committee is finalizing its report on several aspects of the permitting process in North Carolina. The Committee should have a complete report and recommendations for action by the chapter at the 1991 meeting. Kudos to the hard-working members of this committee!

This fall I represented our Chapter at the annual Excom meeting for the Southern Division of AFS. We were warmly welcomed to the Southern Division by both outgoing President Rich Noble, and incoming President Susan Shipman. I think we will benefit from the high level of activity and information exchange within this group. At the request of the Parent Society Office I provided written comments on behalf of our Chapter for the public hearings held around the country regarding Federal wetland policies. Following discussions with the Excom, I also wrote on the Chapter's behalf to each of the NC Wildlife Resources Commissioners, expounding on the importance of habitat protection, and urging them to support efforts to strengthen and consolidate the WRC's habitat conservation program. Our opportunities to positively influence policies affecting North Carolina's fisheries and aquatic resources will certainly grow in the future as we become better known throughout the state.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the ballot for Chapter President-Elect, as well as information about our 1991 annual meeting. Please be sure to send in your ballot and by all means plan to attend the annual meeting; I guarantee it will be both enjoyable and worthwhile! Your participation will help to ensure that our new AFS Chapter will get off to a strong start and continue to build on the foundation laid by the NC Fisheries Workers Association.

See you there! Jim Rice.

CHAPTER DUES - In the past, Association dues have been collected at the annual meeting; however, now that we are a Chapter we no longer need to do this. Annual dues can, and should, be paid when you pay your dues to AFS. They will provide us with a list of who has paid so that we can maintain our records. During the spring, AFS will send us the dues collected from members for the Chapter. This will make our bookkeeping easier and will help simplify accounting at the meeting. If for some reason you did not pay when you paid your AFS dues, we will accept payment at the next meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES - Do you have an interest in working on, or providing leadership for, a standing committee of the NCAFS Chapter? If so then we need you and we need to know of your interest. At the present time we have only one standing committee, other than the Excom, which is the Environmental Affairs Committee. During a recent meeting of the Excom, the need for several other committees was identified. These committees are:

Nominating/Ballot Counting	Program
Arrangements	Resolutions
Membership	Environmental Affairs
Newsletter	

If you feel that you would like to work with one of these committees, we need you. A form will be available at the meeting registration on which you can indicate your interest. If you are not going to be able to attend the meeting but would like to work on one of these committees please contact Jim Rice and let him know of your interest.

NEWSLETTER - It is the hope of the Excom that a newsletter can be produced and sent to the membership at least twice a year, in the late spring and early winter. We are asking that each organization represented by members in the Chapter choose a member who can act as an information liaison to the Chapter. This individual needs to write a short summary of his organization's upcoming activities and send it to Micky Clemmons by the end of March, 1991. Hopefully this will allow us to produce a newsletter by May that will update everyone on the upcoming fisheries activities across the state.

ELECTIONS - Please notice that on the back page of this newsletter is information that each candidate for President-Elect has provided you. Included is a short biographical sketch and a statement concerning the Chapter. After you have read this information and made up your mind, mark the ballot (which is the first page), fold it so that the address shows, staple it closed, place a .25 cent stamp on it and mail it. The results will be announced at the February meeting.

POSTERS - BEGIN THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY ON YOUR POSTER AT THIS YEARS MEETING!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE.



James D. Murray - Director, Marine Advisory Services, University of North Carolina Sea Grant College Program, N.C. State University. Jim received a B.S. in Economics from Syracuse University and an M.S. in Resource Management from SUNY. He is currently working towards a Doctorate in Resources Management in the School of Forestry at NCSU. Jim is currently responsible for directing and administering the statewide Marine Advisory Services program and developing an extension program for the commercial marine recreation industry. Aside from administering the program, Jim conducts applied research in fisheries management and development. His recent interests are in by-catch reduction in the shrimp fishery and artificial reef policy.

"Over the past three years a lot of people have made significant contributions of time and talent to get the association organized and to obtain AFS chapter status. Their work has set the stage for the chapter to flourish. It's my belief that over the next year or two the chapter should seek to increase its membership and become more active in affecting state fisheries policy.

"In order to increase membership we need to increase our marketing efforts and expand our membership services. We need to work on "selling" the benefits of membership to state, federal and university personnel. We should launch a special drive to reach students throughout our universities who are interested in fisheries careers and who would benefit by individual contacts and learning of agency programs at the annual meeting. I feel the Chapter should involve itself in commenting on state policy through position statements on fisheries issues, testimony at public hearings and comment on legislative bills. Although we should tread carefully into this area and develop appropriate mechanisms to carry it out, I believe professional fishery input into state issues will benefit the resource. If elected, I would do my best to make sure we continue the progress we made over the past three years."

Jerry L. West - Professor, Department of Biology at Western Carolina University. Jerry recieved a B.S. in Biology from Appalachian State University and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Zoology (Fisheries emphasis) and minor in genetics from N.C. State University. Recently Jerry served as Acting Head of the Biology Department and Acting Director of the Mountain Aquaculture Research Center at W. C. U. Jerry has been an active member of AFS since 1962 and is a certified Fisheries Scientist. He is also a member of the Southern Division Trout Committee, American Institute of Fisheries Research Biologists, Association of Southeastern Biologists and the Society of Sigma Xi. Jerry's principal research interests deal with cold water fisheries and their habitats, genetics and water quality.

"The N.C. Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is the latest of several attempts by N.C. fisheries workers to share information of current fisheries work in N.C. and to facilitate our communication. We have national and regional fisheries organizations that facilitate our communication and information exchange, but the variety of fish habitats, fisheries programs and geography within N.C. create a diversity of fisheries interests from open ocean all the way to small headwater streams. As a result we may be sharing information and communicating with colleagues in our areas of interest, yet not know what is happening within our own state.

"The decision to become a Chapter of AFS gives us the opportunity to let our voice be heard through the parent organization, its committees, Divisions and Sections, and at the same time serves as the vehicle of communication and information exchange at the state level. If elected as an officer of the Chapter, I will strive to be sure that it serves these functions."



**NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
1991 Annual Meeting**

The 1991 annual meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be held on February 25 & 26 in Beaufort, NC. We will meet from 1:00 p.m. on the 25th until noon on the 26th at the NOAA-National Marine Fisheries Service laboratory located on Pivers Island (see map on back).

A tentative program outline for the meeting is presented on the back. We plan to have a symposium on competitive fishing, presenting views from a variety of tournament sponsors, fishermen, and regulatory agencies. Tournaments for several marine and freshwater species will be discussed. An informal poster session similar to the one last year will be held as part of the evening social. Be prepared to make a hand-drawn poster showing one of your activities or results. Markers and poster paper will be provided. We also plan to allow time for several 15-min contributed papers dealing with any fisheries topic. If you wish to present a paper, call Don Cloutman (704-875-5460) before February 8, 1991.

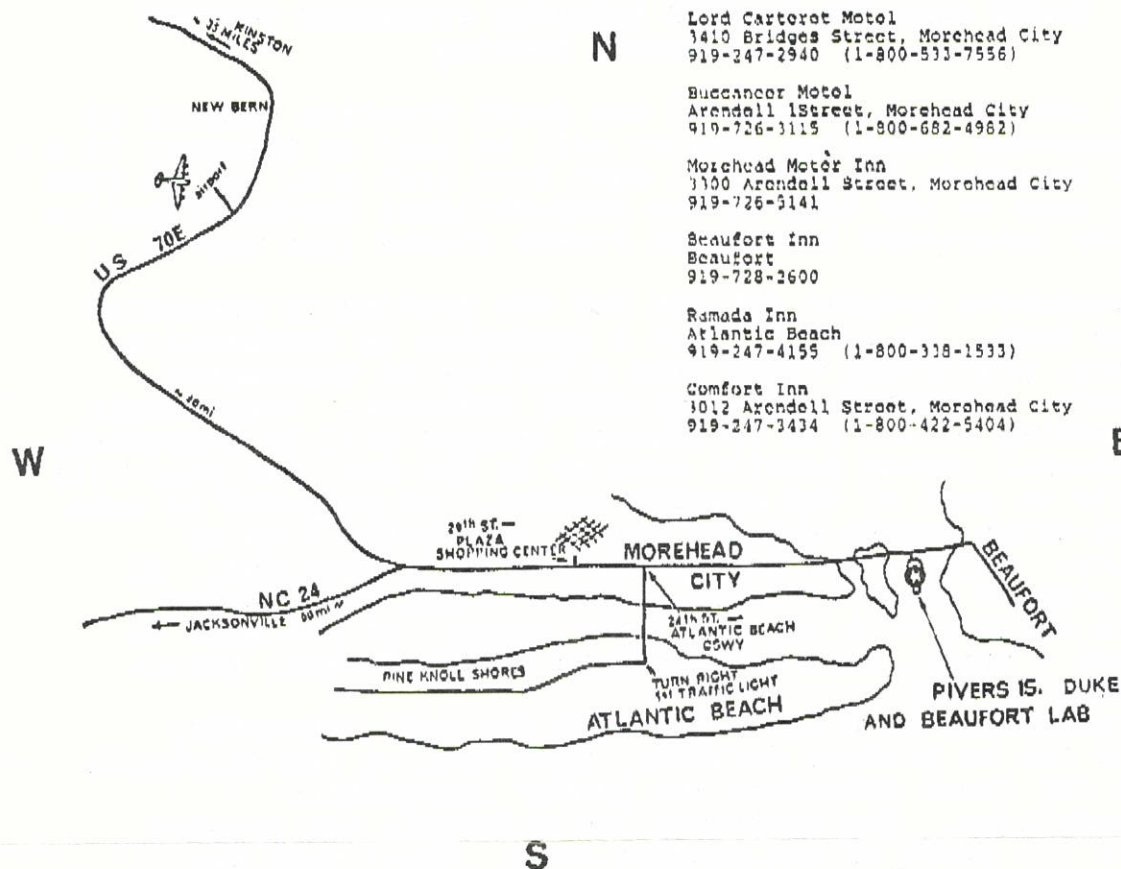
Arrangements have been made with the Duke University Marine Lab to provide dormitory-type lodging and cafeteria meals for those attendees who prefer inexpensive accommodations. The dormitory and cafeteria are located within 200 yards of the meeting room. Total cost for registration, lodging, supper on the 25th, and breakfast on the 26th will be \$35.00 for those staying at the Duke Lab. For those who prefer more "exotic" accommodations, several motels and restaurants are located in the area (see back). People who stay at motels must pay \$10.00 registration for the meeting and make their own arrangements for lodging and meals.

A pre-registration fee will not be requested. However, reasonably accurate head counts will be needed to make final arrangements for refreshments and lodging and meals at the Duke Lab. If you plan to attend the meeting, please cut out and complete the pre-registration form below and send it to Micky Clemmons, Rt 1, Box 624, Waynesville, NC 28786, before February 8, 1991.

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\_\_\_\_\_(name) will be staying at the Duke Univ. Marine Lab facilities (\$35.00 package for registration, lodging, supper on Feb. 25, and breakfast on Feb. 26). Reservations and arrangements will be made by AFS.

\_\_\_\_\_(name) will be staying and eating at local establishments or commuting (\$10.00 registration fee). Reservations and arrangements must be made by the individual.

Partial listing of  
motels available in area: rates vary.



Lord Carteret Motel  
1410 Bridges Street, Morehead City  
919-247-2940 (1-800-533-7556)

Buccaneer Motel  
Arendell 1 Street, Morehead City  
919-726-3115 (1-800-682-4982)

Morehead Motel Inn  
1100 Arendell Street, Morehead City  
919-726-3141

Beaufort Inn  
Beaufort  
919-728-2600

Ramada Inn  
Atlantic Beach  
919-247-4155 (1-800-338-1533)

Comfort Inn  
1012 Arendell Street, Morehead City  
919-247-3434 (1-800-422-5404)

### Tentative Program Outline

#### Afternoon 25th

1:00-1:15 Greetings and announcements  
1:15-4:00 Competitive fishing symposium  
4:00-5:00 Make posters for poster session

#### Evening social and poster session

#### Morning 26th

9:00-9:45 Business meeting  
10:00-11:45 Contributed papers  
11:45-12:00 Closing business