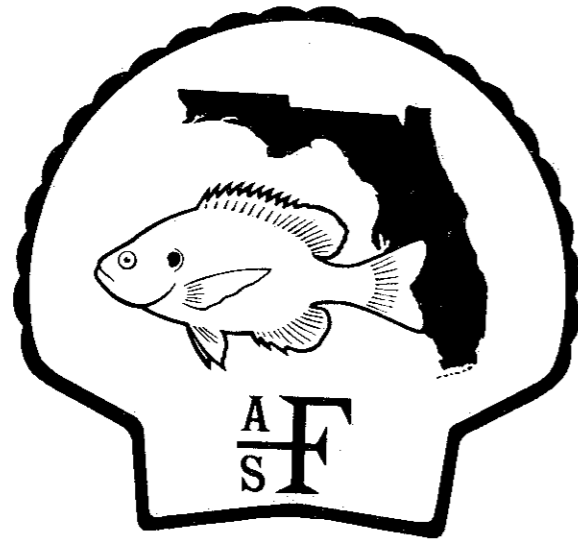
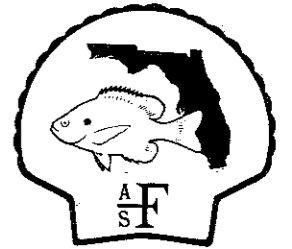


# The Shell-Cracker

FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The 'really big news' comes from Wes Porak, Chairman of our Chapter's Parent Society Annual Meeting Committee. Chairman Porak's Committee put together and presented a not-to-be-denied proposal for the Florida Chapter to host the 1995 Parent Society Meeting in Tampa. The Committee's work blew away the competition in San Antonio, and all Florida fisheries professionals can now look forward to benefiting from the opportunity of having this important and prestigious event in our own backyard. A sincere thank you and congratulations go out to Wes and each committee member (Chuck Cichra, Elli Gilberg, Churchill Grimes, Ken Haddad, Marty Hale, Bill Seaman, Ron Taylor and Vince Williams) who worked hard on putting this proposal together.

As summer turns to fall one realizes the year is passing rapidly, and although much has been accomplished, much remains to be done. The Shell-Cracker's on track thanks to Editor Chuck Cichra and numerous contributors. Several of the technical/support committees have also been hard at work.

Ron Taylor, 1992 Annual Meeting Chairman and Chapter President-Elect, has reserved the Withlacoochee facilities for our Annual Chapter Meeting to be held 10-12 March 1992. He is well on the way to putting together the final touches on an outstanding program focused on Florida's marine and freshwater sportfishes (see pages 2-4 of this newsletter). Invited speakers from the fishing tackle industry, FCA, USFWS and a highly respected outdoor writer are scheduled to participate. This will be an important opportunity to meet with your colleagues and some other fishing industry leaders who don't normally attend our meeting. I'll leave the specifics to Ron but I can tell you that you won't want to miss this one... Be there!

Speaking of our Annual Meeting, it is important for all attendees to be considerate of our host's rules and regulations regarding the use of their facilities. Unfortunately, there were some problems last year. Also, please let these people know how much we appreciate their hospitality.

-- Paul L. Shafland

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION - NEXT PAGE!!!!!!!

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## ANNOUNCING

12th ANNUAL MEETING  
FLORIDA CHAPTER, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
WITHLACOOCHEE STATE FOREST TRAINING CENTER, BROOKSVILLE, FL  
10 -12 MARCH 1992

"THE FUTURE OF FLORIDA'S SPORTFISHERIES"

\*\*\*\* CALL FOR PAPERS \*\*\*\*

Papers are solicited for oral presentation at the annual meeting in Brooksville, FL on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 -12 March, 1992. The theme for this year's meeting is sportfisheries, so emphasis and consideration for presentation will be placed on research and results pertaining to "sport" fishes. Presentations on other species or aspects of biology are also encouraged to make this program well rounded and meaningful to all our members.

Abstracts should be submitted by 29 Jan 1992; abstracts should be 150 words or less, single spaced, block form; abstracts must include author, affiliation, and mailing address. Please submit abstracts to:

Ron Taylor  
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Florida Academy of Sciences 56th annual meeting, call for papers, "In Touch with People, In Touch with the Future," 12-14 March 1992, Orlando. Contact: Betty Preece, Executive Secretary, FAS, P.O. Box 033012, Indialantic, Florida 32903-0012, (407) 723-6835.

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Aquaculture 92, World Aquaculture Society Meeting, 21-25 May 1992, Orlando. Contact: The Crest Organization, 940 Emmett Avenue, Suite #14, Belmont, CA 94002, (800) 222-8882.

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## NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DEADLINE:

The next issue of this newsletter will be mailed in early February. If you have something that you would like included, please get your information to me no later than 31 January 1992.

Send your information to me at:

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## EDITOR'S GOOFUP!!!

It's bad enough when I misspell someone's name, but my phone number in the last newsletter was incorrect. The above address and phone numbers are correct (I hope!).

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Yes, Sportsfans it's that time of year again!!!

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## Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

#### 12th ANNUAL MEETING

Florida Chapter, American Fisheries Society  
Withlacoochee State Forest Training Center, Brooksville, FL  
10 - 12 March 1992

#### Tuesday, 10 March 1992

Registration	1:00P - 6:00P
Leadership Orientation	2:00P - 5:00P
Paul Brouha, National AFS	
Dinner	5:30P - 6:30P
Social	7:30P -

#### Wednesday, 11 March 1992

Breakfast	7:00A - 8:00A
Registration	8:00A - 12:00N
Convence	8:10A
Invocation	8:15A
Jerry Krumrich, FL GFWFC	
Welcome	8:20A
Bill Seaman, U of FL, Sea Grant	

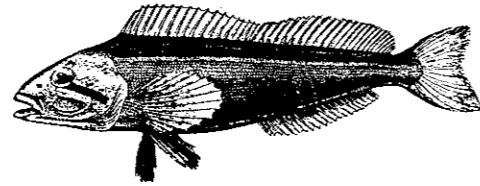
SYMPOSIUM 8:30A - 10:00A

#### "THE FUTURE OF FLORIDA'S SPORTFISHERIES"

"The Role of Wallop/Breaux and the Sportfish Restoration Act"	8:30A
Bob Cooke, USFWS, Atlanta, GA	
"Industry's Commitment to Sportfishing"	8:45A
Sam Griffin, Lurs Jensen, Moore Haven, FL	
"Forecast for Florida's Fishing Future"	9:00A
Ted Foresgren, FL FCA, Tallahassee, FL	
"Management Options for a Maximum Future"	9:15A
Roy Williams, FL MFC, Tallahassee, FL	
"A Fisherman's Perspective"	9:30A
Frank Sargent, Tampa Tribune, Tampa, FL	

Questions and/or Discussion 9:45A

BREAK 10:00A



Wednesday, 11 March 1992

Reconvene	10:15A
CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION	10:20A - 12:00N
(Each paper to be about 15 - 17 minutes in length followed by a 3 - 5 min question and answer period.)	
LUNCH	12:00N - 1:00P
CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION	1:00P - 2:40P
BREAK	2:40P
CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION	3:00 - 5:00P
OUTDOOR BAR B QUE	5:30 - 6:30P
BUSINESS MEETING Paul Shafland, President	7:00 - 8:30P
(Attendance by each member is encouraged)	
SOCIAL and RAFFLE	Immediately following business meeting

Thursday, 12 March 1992

BREAKFAST	7:00 - 8:00A
CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION	8:00 - 10:00A
BREAK	10:00 - 10:15A
CONTRIBUTED PAPER SESSION	10:20 - 12:00N
LUNCH	12:00N - 1:00P
AWARDS AND CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS	1:00P



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## Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society 1992 Annual Meeting Registration

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Wednesday: March 11, 1992	Breakfast:	(\$3.00) _____
	Lunch:	(\$5.00) _____
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Thursday: March 12, 1992	Breakfast:	(\$3.00) _____
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## 1991 Minutes Florida Chapter of American Fisheries Society

The meeting was called to order at 2000 hrs by Wes Porak, acting for President Ken Haddad, who was unable to attend. Over fifty members were present. Ron Brockmeyer and Doug Scheidt were present acting for Secretary-Treasurer Grant Gilmore, who was also unable to attend. Past-Presidents Marty Hale, Vince Williams and Bill Seaman; and Paul Brouha, Executive Director of AFS, were introduced. Paul addressed the membership about the history of AFS; how much the society has grown; and the importance of the state chapters. He mentioned how well the Florida Chapter has done in the 11 yrs that it has existed, especially with the publication of the book. He mentioned that the Florida Chapter was nominated by the S.E. Division EXCOMM for the outstanding chapter award. He also asked the Chapter to develop a **Action Agenda** to focus on problems that the chapter feels need attention.

Marty Hale, S.E. Division's Secretary-Treasurer announced that the next meeting of the S.E. Division would take place in Sulphur Spring, W.V. in November. At last week's mid-term meeting in Charlotte N.C., the S.E. Division voted \$500 for the Permanent Home Fund, \$200 for the Student Fund and \$1500 for a Student Scholarship Fund, which includes travel funds for students attending National or S.E. Division meetings. Marty also mentioned our nomination for outstanding chapter, which resulted from a runoff election among our Chapter and the Texas Tech, Arkansas, and Tidewater Chapters. This gives our Chapter the opportunity to compete for the national award.

Bill Loftus discussed the Nominating and Election Committee procedures and then opened the floor for nominations for officers. Paul Shafland was nominated for President; Chuck Cichra and Ron Taylor for President-elect and Sam McKinny and Ron Brockmeyer for Secretary-Treasurer. The nominations were closed and ballots were distributed. The election results were:

President - Paul Shafland  
President-Elect - Ron Taylor  
Secretary-Treasurer - Ron Brockmeyer

The 1990 minutes were read by Doug Scheidt and were approved. Wes then distributed a letter from Ken Haddad to all members. The Treasurer's Report was read by Ron Brockmeyer (copy attached).

The following committee reports were submitted:

Membership Committee: Dave Clapp talked about the membership directory that will soon be ready for distribution. Dave also asked for a member from each of the various institutions and organizations (University, State, Federal or Private) to submit a brief description for inclusion in the directory.

Legislative Committee: Wes commented on some of the items discussed at last year's meeting, including the Chapter's vote to endorse saving Wild and Scenic Rivers. The by-law changes will be addressed next year. Vince Williams discussed this year's issues and stated that the only bill the committee recommends to be endorsed is Bill #H93 or S-140. This bill would

University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)

## Florida LAKEWATCH

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The Florida LAKEWATCH Program enables lake residents to establish a long-term database for their lakes. The Program facilitates the cooperation of volunteer citizen lake monitors and the academic resources of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida. The volunteers are trained to take water samples and data every month on their lakes; and Dr. Daniel Canfield, Professor of Limnology at the University of Florida and Director of Florida LAKEWATCH, supervises the chemical analysis, computerization, and analysis of the data. In this way, an historical record of a lake's water chemistry can be documented.

The Florida LAKEWATCH Program has been greeted enthusiastically by volunteers all over the State. By the end of 1991, 397 lakes will be enrolled. There are many more lakes on the waiting list, hoping for increased funding for the Program's further expansion.

The Florida LAKEWATCH Program has spread to over 40 counties. It has received support from the City of Orlando, the City of Winter Haven, and many other concerned citizen groups, local parks, and regulatory agencies. Since April of 1991 there have been 149 training sessions held around Florida in which 265 volunteers have been trained. There have also been 102 meetings with citizens to report on results and/or ongoing situations. An additional battery of water chemistry tests was done on 148 lakes and a macrophyte survey was completed on 22 lakes as part of the Program.

Of interest to the scientific community, the laboratory method used in the Florida LAKEWATCH Program to measure total nitrogen in lake water samples was tested at the University of Florida and approved by the Department of Environmental Regulation in July, 1991.

Of course, the highlight of the LAKEWATCH Program for 1991 was the picnic at the home of Dr. Daniel Canfield in Gainesville which was attended by over 80 volunteers and interested folks. With the help of our enthusaistic and dedicated volunteers, we are looking forward to as productive a year in 1992!



hosted the meeting concerning the fact that nearly 400 feet of shoreline had recently been cleared of brush and suggested that desirable native aquatic plants be replanted on the lakefront. Danon's company, Shorelines, Inc., of Lakeland spent two days collecting and transplanting the needed vegetation and donated the cost of the project to FLMS in order to defray the annual meeting expenses.

**William "Buck" Wegener** was presented with the 1991 Service in Government Award. This award is presented annually to a government employee working in water resources or associated fields. The recipient must have shown a career-long commitment to quality resource management, and be recognized by his or her peers as having made contributions above and beyond those normally expected from a government employee. Buck has been employed by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission for the past twenty-eight years and is currently the Statewide Fishery Management Coordinator and is responsible for the Boat Ramp and Fish Attractor Construction Program. He has won numerous awards for his pioneering work in lake restoration. For three consecutive years (1972-74), Buck co-authored technical publications which were recognized as outstanding papers by the Southern Division of AFS. No other author in the history of the Southern Division has come close to duplicating this. His peers recognize him as an outstanding motivator, and a leader who can always be counted on to develop each individual's talents to the utmost.

As members of the Florida Chapter we should be proud of these three individuals. Keep up the good work!

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### Urban Fisheries:

An urban fisheries committee has been formed within the Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The purpose of this committee is to promote the exchange of information about urban fisheries -- both fresh and salt water. Urban fisheries research and management is expanding nationwide and will be an important part of Florida's fisheries future.

If you are interested or would like to get involved with this committee, contact Dylan Jones at (904) 768-9924 or write to Dylan Jones at the following address:

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help hire people to do water quality and chemistry on water samples taken by volunteers from homeowners' associations. This motion was passed. The Committee recommended that boating safety issues only be tracked at this point.

By-Law Committee: The terms of officers will be switched to February - February.

Awards Committee: Chuck Cichra discussed the student travel awards; 5 of which were granted this year. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Anna Avrigian at National Marine Fisheries Service, who assisted Churchill Grimes. A belated Honorable Mention was given to Jerry Krumrich for a talk given last year.

Book Committee: Doug Scheidt reported that \$5,100 was made on book sales last year. This included money from the Navigating the 90's conference.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Brouha asked the Chapter if they would be interested in hosting the 1995 National meetings. He stated that it would be beneficial for the chapter and could be profitable; it would also be lots of work with possibly 2 yrs commitment. Wes asked who takes charge, the Chapter, a state or federal agency, or combination of these? Paul said that any of these could and then submitted a list of guidelines for hosting meetings. The deadline for proposals is 1 Aug, 1991. Randy Edwards suggested that Ken and Wes approach their agencies. Bill Seaman suggested a straw vote of those present to determine membership interest. Paul Shafland made a motion to establish a feasibility committee consisting of the Past-Presidents. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

It was mentioned that Grant Gilmore suggested that we form a Technical committees to deal with different issues.

The Presidency was handed over to Paul Shafland and Paul made a few comments and discussed goals: to form a Technical Committee to establish positions on aquaculture, commercial fishing, sport fishing, grass carp, the Everglades, etc.; and to develop a comprehensive environmental position statement.

Ed Joyce mentioned that Ken Haddad suggested in his letter that we donate \$300 to the AFS Permanent Home Fund. It was moved that we donate \$500 instead, since we have sufficient funds. The donations would be made as a tribute to Carl Sullivan on his pending retirement, in recognition of his selfless dedication to the Society and to the fisheries profession. Motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

## Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Excom Meeting Minutes 9 April 1991

The meeting was opened by the president at 1:30 pm and followed the agenda prepared by the president. The meeting was attended by Paul Shafland, Ron Taylor, Ken Haddad, and Ron Brockmeyer.

1. Secretary/Treasurer: A draft copy of the minutes of the annual chapter meeting was distributed for review by the EXCOM.

A discussion of the chapter's finances followed and concluded that a thorough review of the books was appropriate. A target date of the end of the month was proposed. The possibility of a general audit was also discussed. It was suggested that the national society be contacted for information on possible investment options and procedures.

2. President: Correspondence from the president, including letters in support of Legislative committee positions, was discussed.

A progress report on the filling of committee chairmanships was given (see attached President's Message). A discussion followed regarding the procedures for technical committee oversight. It was concluded that an emphasis on communication could insure a positive program. It was suggested that close interaction between the legislative committee and the technical committees would facilitate an informed, responsible legislative agenda.

It was suggested that the presidents plaque be ordered so that it would arrive in time for the meeting in February.

A proposal was made that the chapter sponsor a series of seminars and continuing education programs (i.e. fishing clinics) drawing on the expertise of the chapter membership.

It was proposed that all members strive for professionalism in their work especially where it has an impact on the chapter's reputation.

A goal was set to have the chapter host the 1992 Southern Division and National EXCOM meetings.

The attached President's Message, which was prepared for publication in the Shell Cracker, was circulated and discussed.

3. 1992 Program Chair: A theme of "The Future of Florida's Gamefish" was proposed and discussed. It was generally agreed that this was an appropriate and timely subject for a chapter meeting. The format would call for a session of invited speakers on the morning of the first full day of the meeting. These speakers would be leaders in their respective fields. Some possible candidates for this session were discussed. The afternoon session on that day would feature contributed papers related to the theme. The third session would contain any contributed papers on any topic related to fisheries in general.

It was suggested that on the afternoon or evening of registration day a leadership seminar sponsored by the National be held for all committee chairpersons, nominated officers and all other interested parties.

A suggestion was made to look at the possibility of including a meeting shirt or hat in the registration price of the meeting.

4. Old Business:

- Call renewed for officers to point out qualified persons for committee membership.
- A review of the Chapter Procedures Manual should be conducted to keep it current.
- Chapter members with responsibility should review AFS leadership materials.
- The 1995 Parent Society Meeting host committee progress was briefly discussed. This discussion also touched on the EXCOM meeting idea.
- The Withlachochee apology was discussed and action mandated by weeks end.
- The next annual chapter meeting will occur the second or third week of February.
- Membership criteria were discussed. Ways are being sought to facilitate and encourage Parent Society membership for chapter members.

5. New Business:

- Formal suggestion made regarding meeting T-shirt/hat.
- A brief discussion of the concept of a chapter Executive Director took place.
- The next chapter EXCOM meeting was set for 20 August at 1:30 pm at FMRI in St. Petersburg.
- Ways of increasing "Book" sales were discussed. A proposal was made to include the book in registration fees charged for meetings sponsored by the chapter. A table at the National meetings was also mentioned.
- A discussion of future chapter projects included sponsorship of state and regional meetings. The Snook Symposium was mentioned as an event worthy of sponsorship. A Gulf Symposium scheduled for 1992 with Federal and private participation is another possibility.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

### MEMBER NEWS:

The Florida Lake Management Society (FLMS) held their annual conference September 12 and 13, 1991 at the Radison Hotel in Orlando. Three members of the Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society were honored with awards. Past Chapter President, **Vince Williams**, was presented with the Marjorie Harris Carr Award. This award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant lifelong contributions to the management of Florida's aquatic resources. Vince was chosen by the FLMS Board of Directors as the recipient due to his twenty years of service with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and his pioneer work in the field of lake restoration. Vince has also been recognized as a widely respected expert in the disciplines of water quality, aquatic habitat improvement, and fisheries management.

**Danon Moxley** was chosen by the President of FLMS to receive the 1991 President's Award. This award may be presented each year to a member of FLMS who, through their actions, have most benefitted the Society in the previous year. During the 1990 FLMS annual meeting, Danon spoke with the director of the facility which