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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi,

We're well into the 2006 field season and full schedules are the norm but **I'd like for each of you to take the time to read and vote on the new bylaw revisions.** Also I'd like to thank those members who gave presentations and participated in the freshwater mussel workshop as well as those who brought auction items. Your participation and help made the meeting at Lake Murray a success and I appreciate your efforts. With the preparations for the 2007 meeting under way I'd like to challenge all members to take a more active role in the preparations for the upcoming annual meeting. I urge you to call Cliff and volunteer to set up a social, help with the workshop, bring an item for the raffle or auction and get that abstract and presentation ready for our meeting next February.

When I think about the possible challenges ahead that we as professionals will face I'm reminded of the story about a dog on safari with his humans. One afternoon, he started chasing after a butterfly near camp and suddenly found himself deep within the wilderness. He saw a leopard approaching him from the grass. "Oh boy, guess I'm in big trouble, what do I do next," thought the dog as he plopped down next to a pile of bones. He reached for the largest bone and began to chew on it. The leopard hid in the tall grass and waited for the right moment to pounce upon the defenseless canine. The dog continued to chew on the bone as the leopard slowly inched closer. When the dog heard the movement of the grass, he said loudly, "Mmm, mmm. That was one tasty leopard. I think I'll eat another one."

The leopard froze in his tracks. He figured he was no match for such a vicious dog and retreated to safety. But there was a monkey seated in a nearby tree. He'd seen everything. Hoping to create an alliance, he decided to tell the leopard what had really happened.

The dog knew something was up when he saw the monkey chasing after the leopard. He realized that in order to get out of his predicament he'd

have to outsmart both the leopard and the monkey. When the monkey told the leopard what had happened, he got mad and growled “No one makes a fool of me. Come, my little friend. Let’s show that dog who’s running things around here.” The leopard ran back through the tall grass with the monkey on his back. “Here comes trouble,” the dog thought to himself as he relaxed and chewed on a bone. He knew the leopard’s wrath would be merciless. He could feel the big cat watching him from the grass. From the corner of his eye, he could see the monkey hop down and scamper toward a near by tree. NOW this was the moment to make his move.

“What has that monkey done with my dinner?” howled the dog. “I sent him to fetch me another leopard a half hour ago and he’s still not back!” Like the dog we’re going to have to use our brains and come up with some creative solutions to the complex environmental problems we’re sure to face in our careers. From global warming to purple catfish eggs, solutions will be the result of teamwork, each of us contributing our talents and efforts to the task at hand.

So with that I’ll wish you a successful field season and look forward to visiting with you at the annual meeting.

Hope to see you before then.

Randy Parham, OKAFS President

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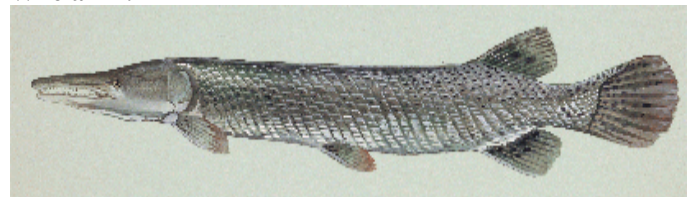
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Who am I?



1. I am found in Southern OK, primarily in the Arkansas and Red River Drainage.
2. I am one of the Largest Freshwater fish in the U.S.
3. I have a short broad snout with large teeth in the upper jaw forming two rows on each side.
4. I live in sluggish backwaters feeding primarily on small fish

Answer: *rag rotagilla, alutaps suetsosipeL*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities Committee

Fund Raising Committee – Barry Bolton

No new information to report.

Environmental Concerns – Randy Parham

No new information to report.

Continuing Education - Steve Spade

No new information to report

Nominations and Awards Committee - Jim Burroughs

Dr. Tim Patton, Southeaster Oklahoma State University, received the Fisheries Worker of the Year award. **Sabrina Rust**, Oklahoma State University, received Jimmie Pigg Student Travel Scholarship.

WAY TO GO!!!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Oklahoma Wildlife Expo '06

The 2006 Oklahoma Wildlife Expo will be held on August 25-27 at the Lazy E Arena. Again, this year's expo will be free to the public and will focus on education towards hunting, fishing, and other outdoor skills, ethics, and wildlife stewardship as the forefront of the presentation and have a hands-on activity available at every booth and/or exhibit.

2007 OKAFS Annual Meeting

The 2007 meeting is currently being planned. The meeting will be held at the Best Western Aquarium Inn & Suites in Jenks, OK on Feb. 21-23, 2007. In addition to the technical sessions we are planning a symposium to address water allocation issues throughout the state and region. Anyone wishing to assist in the planning of this symposium should contact the Meeting Director at the address listed below.

The Student Chapter will also be hosting an open forum discussion with professionals from various agencies and universities. This forum will provide students with valuable information about careers in the field of fisheries and how to go about obtaining these careers. We will also be hosting a Student/Mentor luncheon and ask those interested in participating to contact the Meeting Director. Registration and meeting details will be sent out in the near future.

First Call for Papers:

Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Annual Meeting Feb. 21-23, 2007
Best Western Aquarium Inn & Suites, Jenks, OK

Please send the following information if you would like to offer a 20-minute presentation (including time for a brief question/answer session):

- 1.) Title of paper
- 2.) Name of Authors with an asterisk (*) following the presenting author's name
- 3.) Affiliation of authors (Agency, School, etc.) including address
- 4.) A brief abstract of no more than 200 words
- 5.) Format of Presentation (Power Point, slides, over-head projector, etc.)

Send Presentation Information to:
Cliff Sager 2007 OKAFS Meeting Director
cs_odwc@hughes.net

Microsoft Word, Corel Word Perfect, and PDF files are acceptable.
All Presentations must be submitted by January 31, 2007.

136th Annual AFS Meeting

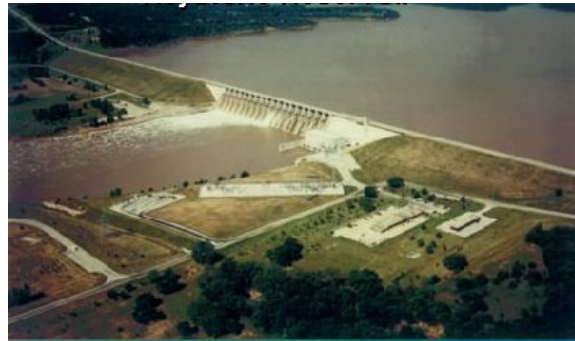
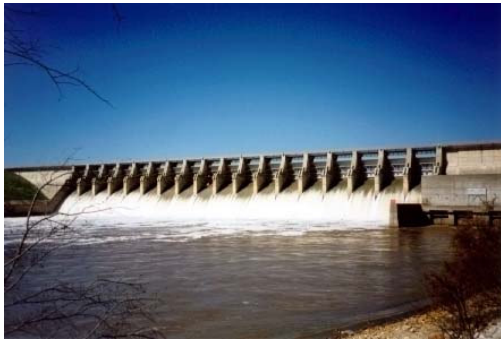
The 136th Annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society is on September 10-14th, 2006 in Lake Placid, New York. Further information and meeting details can be found at: <http://www.afslakeplacid.org/>, and <http://www.fisheries.org/html/index.shtml>.

2007 SDAFS Annual Meeting

The 2007 annual SDAFS spring meeting will be hosted by the Tennessee chapter on February 7-11 in Memphis, Tennessee. This year's theme will be "Diversity of Fish, Habitats, and People". Further information and meeting details can be found at <http://www.sdafs.org/>.

4th North American Reservoir Symposium

The Southern Division American Fisheries Society (SDAFS) Reservoir Committee is proud to announce the upcoming 4th North American Reservoir Symposium featuring the theme, "Balancing Fisheries Management and Water Uses for Impounded River Systems." The Meeting will be held on June 6-9 2007, in Atlanta Georgia.



This Symposium will address the challenges of managing reservoir fisheries and habitat in the context of competing water uses. Speakers will address topics such as water allocation, hydroelectric demands, and establishing minimum flows in reservoir tailwaters and streams. The symposium will include not only fisheries managers but experts related to water allocation issues from economic, legal, and watershed-management perspectives.

For more information contact: Vic DiCenzo at Vic.Dicenzo@dgif.virginia.gov or

Mike Colvin at Mike.Colvin@mdc.mo.gov

2006 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

I) 9:15 a.m. Randy Parham President elect calls meeting to order: (Kurt Kuklinski President was on family leave and absent from this years meeting.)

- Randy asks for the minutes from the 2005 business meeting.
- Greg Summers moved to accept previous meeting minutes and Steve Spade 2nd. Motion passed
- Randy made announcements about the North American Reservoir Symposium in Georgia this year
- Randy thanked everyone for their help and attendance.
- The student chapter report - Dan Dauwalter announced that the new officers are Kris Bodine as President, Eric Brinkman is Vice President and Christopher Hargis is Sec/Tres.
- The student chapter is planning its Techniques demo on April 1st at Lake McMurtry.
- Jeff Boxrucker ask about how the newsletter was going-Dan said it had a few problems but, was going well and Greg asks for a round of applause for Dan and the job he was doing with the newsletter.
- Bill Fisher made a motion that the chapter should include a line item of \$1000 for the student sub-unit to use on items they need. Jeff Boxrucker 2nd the motion. The motion passed

II) Committees

Award Committee - Jim Burroughs – Talked about the Pigg Scholarship award. He thought maybe we should have the students be asked to itemize expenses. Jeff Boxrucker said he opposed that idea and that

we should keep it the same. We have plenty of money and this is a good use for it.

Environmental Concerns Committee – Nothing to report. Greg Summers did bring up the Lee Creek issue and Richard explained the issue to those in attendance.

III) Announcements

- Greg Summers made an announcement from the Parent chapter and said the students need to be aware of scholarships that are available and are hardly ever applied for. Students involvement is important at all levels of the AFS. There is special pricing for students \$19.00 and new membership pricing is ½ price for new professionals in there first three years.
- Greg also talked about hurricane relief committee within the AFS.
- Randy Hyler asked if we wanted to set any money aside at this meeting for that relief effort.
- Greg suggested giving the EXCOM a little latitude on this to make a decision.

IV) Unfinished Business:

- The Streams booklet - Randy Hyler said there seems to be no interest in it.
- Greg Summers stated that the farm pond booklet was not really a money maker. However, our website is a good source and the same would apply to the streams booklet.

V) New Business:

- Special Projects- Jeff Boxrucker made a motion that the EXCOM discuss the matters and then bring it to the rest of the group.
- Bill Fisher moved to approve the special projects committee and Greg 2nd it. It passed.

Nominations for Officers:

Pres. Elect:

- Cliff Sager was nominated. Jeff called for nominations to cease and Greg 2nd it. Cliff Sager is Pres. Elect.

Sec. / Tres

- Danny Bowen was nominated. Bill Wentroth moved that nominations cease and Brent 2nd it. Danny Bowen is the new Sec./Tres.

Southeastern Oklahoma Water Projects

- Bill Fisher said that next at years OK-AFS meeting, the focus could be on the Southern Water Project and that he would like to see this chapter take a leadership role in it.
- Society News- Both Jeff Boxrucker and Gene Gilliland were recognized for their work in the SDOKAFS.

Hurricane Relief:

- Greg move to give the EXCOM Authority to Provide \$3,000 for relief when it is known who and where the relief is needed.
- J.B. 2nd the motion and it passed
(Hurricane Relief Article Pg 15-16)

Adjourn:

- J.B. moved to adjourn and it was seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Feb.24, 2006

2005 Income/Expenses

1. Checkbook & Cash Balance (1-01-05)	\$3,671.95
Credits:	
2. Membership 30 @ \$5.00	\$ 150.00
3. 2004 SEAFS mid-year meeting Registration & Seminar	9,386.04
4. 2005 meeting reg. /Workshop	932.00
5. Silent Auction	<u>594.00</u>
6. Total Credits	\$11,062.04
Expenses	
7. Sub – Unit reimbursement (Demo & newsletter)	175.00
8. Student Scholarships	2,250.00
9. Student room reimbursement	528.95
10. Workshop speaker cost	532.63
11. Midwest Trophy	95.39
12. 2005 meeting/workshop/banquet costs	<u>1,884.29</u>
13. Total expenses	<u>(\$5,465.69)</u>
14. Ending Checkbook & Cash Balance (12-31-05)	\$9,268.30

Investments

15. Franklin Inc. Balance (12-31-04)	\$ 13,721.55
16. Dividends and Interest	651.00
17. Balance (12-31-05)	\$14,372.55
18 Global allocations Balance (12-31-03)	4,866.55

Treas. Report Contd...

19. Dividends and Interest	65.00
20. Balance (12-31-04)	<u>\$4,931.55</u>

Total Defined Assets and Mutual Funds 2005	\$28,572.40
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Franklin Fund - Unrealized gain or (loss)	\$716*
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* These amounts indicate the value of the mutual funds has drop/gained from what we paid for them. In other words if you compare what we paid for the fund originally to the current market value of that fund. The gain or (loss) is not realized until the fund is sold.

The *OKLAHOMA CHAPTER AFS* was chartered on September 8, 1968.

The **mission** of the chapter is:

- To promote conservation, development and wise use of the aquatic and fishery resources of Oklahoma.
- To promote and evaluate the development and advancement of all aspects of fisheries science and management in Oklahoma.
- To gather and disseminate scientific, technical and other information about fisheries science and management to Chapter members and the general public through publications, meetings and other forms of communications.
- To encourage competent teaching of fisheries science and management in Oklahoma colleges and universities and promote the continuing education of Oklahoma fisheries workers.

OKLAHOMA AFS MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME:

_____ (last)

_____ (first)

AFFILIATION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS

_____ (Dept, Bldg, Office, Street, PO Box, Route, etc.)

_____ (City)

_____ (State)

_____ (Zip)

DAY PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: 1 Year (\$5)_____ 2 Years (\$10)_____ 3 Years (\$15)_____ Life (\$50)_____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Professional_____ Student_____

COMMITTEES (please choose at least one): Activities_____ Awards_____ Continuing Ed_____

Environ.. Concerns_____ Fundraising_____ Program_____

Detach, make check payable to OKAFS, and send to: **Danny Bowen**, OKAFS
Secretary/Treasurer, ODWC, Holdenville Hatchery, 3733 Hwy. 48, Holdenville OK
74848-6009; odwccr@okplus.com, 405-379-5408

BYLAW AMMENDMENTS

As you all are aware, Past-President of the AFS Student Subunit Dan Dauwalter, and Bill Fisher, Student Subunit Advisor, have been working to amend both the OK-AFS Chapter bylaws and the bylaws for the OSU-AFS Student Subunit. These bylaw changes have been approved by the AFS Constitutional Consultant and the Chapter ECOM, but still need to be voted on for approval by society members so they can be sent to the Parent Society EXCOM for approval at the annual meeting in September 2006. A short explanation of the amendments is as follows:

The Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (OK-AFS) bylaws was originally approved in 1991. Since then, there have been several changes to the Society's Constitution, as well as the formation of Oklahoma State University Student Subunit in 1996. Therefore, the OK-AFS bylaws are in need of revision to incorporate these changes and recognize the Student Subunit. The major changes in this revision of the OK-AFS bylaws include: clarification of membership rights, recognition of the Student Subunit, and explanation of procedures for bylaw amendments.

Below are the OK-AFS Chapter and OSU-AFS Student Subunit Bylaws and the changes within. Bold face items are additions, and struck through items are deletions. Please read through *all* of the amendments and cast your vote whether you approve or not. Thank You!

BALLOT

Please vote on whether or not you approve the proposed amendments to both bylaws. The Chapter bylaws must be approved before the Student Subunit bylaws can be approved.

Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Bylaws

Please check one box.

- ☐ I **approve** the amendments to the OK-AFS Chapter Bylaws.
- ☐ I **do not approve** the amendments to the OK-AFS Chapter Bylaws.

Oklahoma State University Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society Bylaws

Please check one box.

- ☐ I **approve** the amended OSU Student Subunit Bylaws.
- ☐ I **do not approve** the amended OSU Student Subunit Bylaws.

Either mail you paper ballot or email your vote by **31 July 2006** to: **Danny Bowen**, OKAFS Secretary/Treasurer, ODWC, Holdenville Hatchery, 3733 Hwy. 48, Holdenville OK 74848-6009; odwccr@okplus.com

BYLAWS

Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Section 1 - Name and Objectives

The name of this organization shall be the Oklahoma Chapter of the **Southern Division** of the American Fisheries Society, and herein after referred to as the Chapter, **Division and Society respectively**.

The objectives of the Chapter shall be those of the ~~American Fisheries Society~~ as set forth in Article I of the Constitution, and to encourage the exchange of information by members of the Society residing within the State of Oklahoma.

Section 2 - Membership

Official membership of the Chapter shall be composed of those ~~American Fisheries Society~~ members in good standing residing in Oklahoma. **Only active members of the Chapter and Society may hold an office, chair a committee, or vote on Chapter affairs.** Non-members of the ~~American Fisheries Society~~ interested in fishes, fisheries, and all other phases of fishery science and practice are encouraged to ~~attend and~~ participate **in Chapter activities**.

Members of the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Student Subunit shall be recognized as Chapter members.

Section 3 - Meetings

The Chapter shall hold at least one meeting annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. The program and presentation of papers shall be the responsibility of the Program Committee.

Section 4 - Officers

a. The officers of the Chapter shall consist of a President, President-~~e~~Elect, **Past-President**, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

b. All officers must be members in good standing of the Chapter.

b. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer may hold office for a period longer than one year, but the term of the other officers shall be one year. In case of a vacated position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified replacement to fill an unexpired term.

c. The term of office for all elected officers shall terminate immediately following the election and installation of new officers at the annual meeting.

d. In the event of a cancellation of an annual meeting, the officers and the members of any committees shall continue to serve until the next scheduled meeting.

Section 5 - Duties of Officers

The President of the Chapter shall preside at all meetings, shall serve as the ~~Chairman~~ of the Executive Committee, shall represent the Chapter to the Southern Division and to the American Fisheries Society, ~~and~~ shall make such appointments and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary, **and proceed to the office of Past-President at the end of the term.**

The President-~~e~~lect shall be ~~Chairman~~ of the Program Committee and shall assume the duties of the President in the event of his inability to act.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the official records of the Chapter, collect and be custodian of registration fees collected under Section ~~108~~ of these Bylaws, and any funds which may be allotted to the Chapter. ~~He~~**The Secretary-Treasurer** must submit a report on minutes of meetings to the Executive ~~Secretary~~**Director and to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Division within 30 days after the annual Chapter meeting is held.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall disburse funds as may be authorized and necessary, and shall submit a record of receipts and disbursements at the annual Chapter meeting. ~~He~~**The Secretary-Treasurer** shall perform such duties as may be requested by the Secretary-Treasurer of American Fisheries Society and of the Southern Division.

The immediate Past President shall serve on the Executive Committee and assist other officers as needed.

Section 6 - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Chapter shall consist of the elected officers, ~~and~~ the immediate Past President, **and the President of the OSU Student Subunit.** The committee is authorized to act for the Chapter between meetings and to perform appropriate duties and functions.

Section 7 - Chapter Committees

Committees and the ~~Chairman~~ of Committees except as listed in Section 5 of these Bylaws, may be appointed by the President as may be necessary for the conduct of Chapter activities.

The terms of office for members of Chapter Committees shall end upon the discharge of the duties for which they were appointed, or at the next annual meeting of the Chapter, whichever comes first.

Section 8 - ~~Election of Members~~Dues and Fees

The Executive Committee shall establish annual dues subject to approval of the members voting at the annual meeting.

Application for ~~all classes of American Fisheries Society~~**Chapter** memberships may be received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Chapter and shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society.

The Executive Committee may assess each registrant attending annual meetings of the Chapter a registration fee necessary to cover the costs of the meeting and Chapter activities. Collections shall be made by the Secretary-Treasurer and disbursements shall be made for financing the Chapter operations, as may be directed by the membership or by the authorization of the Executive Committee.

Section 9 - Voting and Quorum

Decisions at meetings of the Chapter shall be in accordance with Article IV, ~~Paragraph 4~~, of the Constitution of the American Fisheries Society **and the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.**

A quorum at any meeting for the transaction of official business shall be one-third of the Chapter membership.

Business and voting may be conducted via mail or electronic media if approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 10 - Registration

~~The Executive Committee may assess each registrant attending annual meetings of the Chapter a registration fee necessary to cover the costs of the meeting and Chapter activities. Collections shall be made by the Secretary Treasurer and disbursements shall be made for financing the Chapter operations, as may be directed by the membership or by the authorization of the Executive Committee.~~

Section 140 - Amendments of the Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended and approved in accordance with Article IV, ~~Paragraph 4~~, and Article VI, ~~Paragraph 3~~, of the Constitution of the American Fisheries Society and by Section 9 of these Bylaws.

The Bylaws of the Chapter may be amended by a two-thirds majority approval of those members voting, providing that prior notice of at least 30 days be given to the membership of the proposed change(s).

In accordance with the Society Constitution, an adopted amendment shall be reviewed by the Society's Constitutional Consultant for conformity with the Constitution, Rules and Procedures of the Society. The Constitutional Consultant presents the adopted amendment to the Society Governing Board for approval.

Said change(s) must be approved by the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Governing Board** of the Society ~~before taking effect~~. **Amendments take effect when the Unit receives written notice of their approval by the Governing Board from the Executive Director.**

Oklahoma State University Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society

Bylaws

Amended August 8, 2005

Section 1 - Name and Objectives:

The name of this organization shall be the Oklahoma State University Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society, and herein referred to as the Student Subunit.

The objectives of the Student Subunit shall be to facilitate meeting the objectives of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, and to encourage the exchange of information by student members of Oklahoma.

All activities of this Student Subunit shall conform with Student Subunit bylaws and procedures.

Section 2 - Membership:

Official members of the Student Subunit shall be composed of those Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society members in good standing that are full or part time students. Non students of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society interested in all phases of student concerns are encouraged to attend and participate. There will be no discrimination of race, sex, creed, color, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, or disability with the regards to the purpose of the organization.

Section 3 - Meetings:

The Student Subunit shall hold at least one meeting annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. This meeting will usually be held at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

Section 4 - Officers:

The officers of the Student Subunit shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and immediate Past-President, if available. Officers must be students of Oklahoma State University, and shall be elected at the annual meeting. All officers may hold their office for up to three terms. In the event of a vacant position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified replacement to fill the unexpired term. In the event the President cannot fulfill his/her duties, the Vice-President shall take over and the Executive Committee shall appoint a new Vice-President for the remainder of the term. The term for all elected officers shall terminate immediately following the election and installation of new officers at the annual meeting. In the event of a cancellation of an annual meeting, the officers and the members of any committees shall continue to serve until the next scheduled meeting.

Section 5 - Duties of Officers:

The President of the Student Subunit shall preside at all meetings, serve as the chair of the Executive Committee, represent the Student Subunit at the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society functions, and make such appointments and perform other duties and functions as are outlined in the Student Subunit Procedures and others that are authorized and necessary.

The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the event of the President's Absence or inability to act. He/she will also be responsible to duties of the Vice President as outlined in the Student Subunit Procedures.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the official records of the Student Subunit and be custodian to all funds which may be allotted to the Student Subunit. He/she must submit a report on minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee and other meetings. The Secretary/Treasurer shall consult with the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and is authorized to disburse funds as necessary. The Secretary/Treasurer shall submit a record of receipts and disbursements at the annual Subunit meeting. He/she shall perform duties as may be requested by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. The Secretary/Treasure will also assume other duties as outlined in the Student Subunit Procedures.

Section 6 - Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of the Student Subunit shall consist of the 3 elected officers and faculty advisor. The Executive Committee is authorized to act for the Student Subunit between meetings and perform appropriate duties and functions as described in the Student Subunit Procedures.

Section 7 - Student Subunit Committees:

The committees and Chair of the committees shall be appointed by the President as may be necessary for the conducting of the Student Subunit activities. The terms of office for members of the Student Subunit Committees shall end upon the discharge of the duties for which they were appointed, or at the next annual meeting of the Subunit, whichever comes first. Standing Committees help the Executive Committee conduct Subunit affairs annually. Special Committees are temporarily created for a specific purpose. Standing and Special Committees act and conduct duties as outlined in the Subunit Procedures.

The Student Subunit has established the following Standing Committees:

Fisheries Techniques Demonstration Committee: Composed of the committee chair (Student Subunit Vice-President), and at least two other Student Subunit members. The function of the committee is to organize and oversee all aspects of the Annual Fisheries Techniques Demonstration each spring.

Section 8 - Election of Members:

Application for all classes of American Fisheries Society memberships may be received by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Student Subunit and shall be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oklahoma Chapter.

Section 9 - Voting and Quorum:

Decisions at meetings are by simple majority of Active Members voting. A quorum for any meeting for the transaction of official business shall be at least five members. Voting rights are restricted to Oklahoma State University students only.

Section 10 - Registration and Dues:

The Executive Committee may assess each registrant attending annual meetings of the Student Subunit a registration fee necessary to cover the cost of the meeting and Student Subunit activities. Collections shall be made by the Secretary/Treasurer of the Student Subunit to be passed on to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Oklahoma Chapter.

Section 11 - Amendments of the Bylaws and Procedures:

The Bylaws of the Student Subunit may be amended and approved in accordance with Article VI, Section 4, and Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution of the American Fisheries Society, the bylaws of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, and by Section 9 of these Bylaws.

Procedures are the lowest level of documentation for Student Subunit operations. They are established to provide continuity in the conductance of Student Subunit operations. They are amended by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Again, the above mentioned are the changes made to OK-AFS Chapter and OSU-AFS Student Subunit bylaws. Now, take the time to cut out and mail, or electronically mail your vote to Danny Bowen. Thank You!

Southern Division Advances Action Plan For Hurricane Relief

Robert L. Curry
President
Southern Division, American Fisheries Society

On 29 August 2005 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated large portions of Louisiana and Mississippi and caused significant impacts to Alabama, Florida and Texas. Collectively they are considered the largest natural disaster yet to occur in North America. Shortly thereafter, during the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) in Anchorage, Alaska, Parent Society AFS President Chris Kohler established the AFS Hurricane Relief Task Force and charged it to develop strategy for addressing professional needs of our fisheries colleagues impacted by the storms. The task force, chaired by Don Jackson (Mississippi Chapter) held its first meeting on 13 January 2006 on the campus of Louisiana State University. This post-Christmas date was scheduled in order to allow fisheries professionals in the impacted region opportunity to deal with personal and professional/agency immediate needs following the 2005 storms, and to move through a very stressful holiday season.

An action plan was drafted during the January task force meeting and, using the organizational structure of the American Fisheries Society, was subsequently presented in February to (1) the joint Annual Meeting of the Louisiana and Mississippi Chapters in Natchez, Mississippi and (2) to the Southern Division during its Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. In order to ensure maximum participation by chapter members during the joint Annual Meeting of the Louisiana and Mississippi chapters, the Southern Division provided travel support for members of the Louisiana Chapter (who otherwise would not have been able to engage in out-of-state travel).

Following guidance from the chapters and the Southern Division, the Action Plan was modified and presented in March to the Parent Society Governing Board during its Mid-year meeting in Bethesda, Maryland. On 11 March 2006, The Governing Board approved the Action Plan.

The Action Plan

1. AFS assigns the Southern Division (SDAFS) with administrative and programmatic responsibilities to implement relief to AFS members in the Gulf Coast region impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
2. Upon approval of the SDAFS leadership, complimentary memberships and online journal subscriptions will temporarily be provided (duration to be determined) to AFS members identified by their respective AFS Chapters as having been impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
3. Upon approval of SDAFS leadership, travel funds to attend AFS annual meetings will be provided to AFS members identified by their respective AFS Chapters as having been impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
4. SDAFS will assist with the establishment, maintenance, and staffing of a program to facilitate linkages

between AFS members identified by their respective AFS Chapters as having specific professional and/or programmatic needs resulting from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita with AFS members/units who have resources to address these needs.

5. AFS will provide a maximum of \$30,000 to SDAFS to address the above actions for the period 15 March - 31 December 2006.

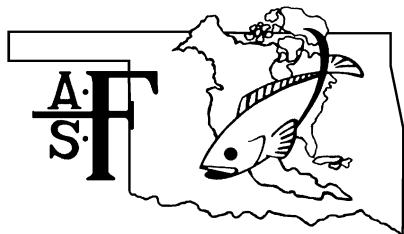
6. The AFS Hurricane Relief Task Force, along with the SDAFS, will report to the AFS Governing Board at the annual meeting in Lake Placid in September 2006 on the status of the on-going relief efforts and provide recommendations for future disaster relief programs and actions.

The task force held its final meeting on 18 May 2006 on the Louisiana State University Campus and, in accordance with the Action Plan and AFS Governing Board directive, transferred the program to the Southern Division. Chapters now have the responsibility of identifying AFS members who need assistance in terms of membership dues, journal subscriptions and travel support to AFS meetings and for forwarding recommendations for assistance to the Southern Division. The Mississippi Chapter will secure storage facilities to warehouse donations earmarked through the distribution program for colleagues needing these materials. The Texas Chapter and Parent Society Computer Users Section is developing the computerized network for matching donations with recipient requests. Don Jackson (Mississippi Chapter) will serve as the interim director for the distributions center and as liaison between chapters and the Southern Division regarding hurricane relief.

Thanks are extended to the following persons who served on the task force:

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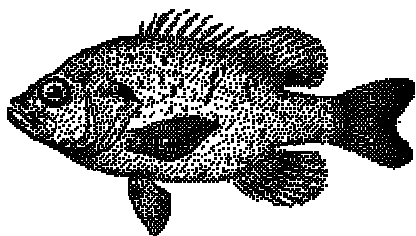
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take a second to say hello to all of my Subunit comrades! As your newly elected President, hopefully I can fill the shoes of past-president **Dan Dauwalter**. I know those are awful big shoes to fill but I will do my best! Speaking of our past president, Dan has graduated from OSU and has accepted a post-doctoral position at the University of Wyoming. Congratulations Dan! I think I speak for all of the subunit when I say, thanks a bunch for all your hard work!

As most of you all know, there have also been many other changes within the Subunit this year. Our new vice president, **Eric Brinkman**, and secretary/treasurer, **Chris Hargis**, have also made great additions as AFS officers. Again, a big thanks to the outgoing officers, **Jeff Fore** and **Sabrina Rust**. With a new crew at hand we all plan to work hard serving the student subunit and above all, increasing membership!

Speaking of membership, since joining the Oklahoma Chapter and the Student Subunit, I have noticed that although student membership is fairly high, involvement is rather low. I would like to take this time to encourage all student members to be active not only with the student chapter, but the state chapter as well. This is your opportunity to “network” as we call it. Not only are you participating in the ‘exciting, fun-filled, action packed’ fisheries extravaganza, but this is your opportunity to get to know people within the organization. Not to mention, you may meet your future employer!! With that, I challenge you to check out our upcoming events and hopefully I will see you there!

Kris Bodine

Student Chapter President

11th ANNUAL FISHERIES TECHNIQUES DEMONSTRATION

This year's Fisheries Techniques Demonstration, held on April 1st, was a huge success. The theme for this year was reservoir management and was held at Lake McMurtry, Stillwater, OK. We had a great turnout and the students learned a lot. As it turns out, the subunit gained 6 new members.

We began the day with **Dr. William Fisher**, Oklahoma Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, giving a talk about electrofishing safety. Students then had the opportunity to see some of the various gear types used. Students were able to participate in electrofishing, gill netting, and trap netting until noon. All went well despite difficulty getting the generator started and the boat running, but we eventually got it all going.

At noon we had hamburgers and listened to **Gene Gilliland**, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, talk about black bass management in Oklahoma waters. Also, **Randy Parham**, Oklahoma AFS Chapter President, spoke to the group and lent a helping hand with the Demo. Thanks a bunch guys!

After lunch, students then participated in several workshops. They were able to perform diet analysis, age and growth procedures, radio telemetry, and GIS Analysis.

The event is held annually at different locations each year. If anyone has ideas about new locations that may better benefit other Oklahoma universities, please let an officer know. Thank you all who attended!

Jeff Fore, Fisheries Techniques Demonstration Committee member and Vice President

OTHER OUTREACH EVENTS

- In February the Oklahoma State University Student Subunit presented an OSU Zoology departmental seminar entitled "Aquatic Issues of 2006". We presented information about the status and future directions of conservation on water development, invasive and introduced species, and fish kills in Oklahoma.
- The OSU Subunit and Wildlife Society hosted a guest speaker, Kurt Kuklinkski, who gave a brief seminar about the history of fisheries management and spoke about the Oklahoma fisheries lab in Norman.
- We also will also be assisting with a fisheries management demonstration this summer at the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Wildlife Expo on Guthrie City Lake.

Eric Brinkman and **Chris Hargis**, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively

Bylaws Change Status

Finally, pending approval by the state chapter, the Student Subunit Bylaws have been changed courteous of Past President **Dan Dauwalter**, AFS co-Advisor **Bill Fisher**, and American Fisheries Society constitutional consultant, **Dirk Miller**. Once approved, the Subunit will officially be recognized as its own entity. Students, if

you get a chance, browse through the amended bylaws and view our current status. Above all, to ensure all privileges as an AFS Student Subunit member, I encourage all students to join the AFS Parent Society. Hopefully, barring any difficulties these changes will be approved by the state and will then be sent to the Parent Society for approval. Keep your fingers crossed.

Kris Bodine, Student Chapter President

TREASURER'S REPORT

25 May 2005 – 25 November 2005

TILL ACCOUNT

<u>Starting Balance</u>	\$ 168.05
Debits	
Monthly meeting refreshments	\$ 2.00
Miscellaneous (copies, stamps)	\$ 4.70
TOTAL	\$ 6.70
Credits	
Dues	\$ 125.00
Fundraisers	\$ 18.00
TOTAL	\$ 143.00

TRANSFERS

Transfer from Till to Student Account	\$ 0.00
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 304.35

OKAFS STUDENT ACCOUNT

<u>Starting Balance</u>	\$ 276.92
Debits	
No Activity	
TOTAL	\$ 0.00
Credits	
No Activity	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 0.00
Transfers	
No Activity	\$ 160.00
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 276.92

SUMMARY

Till Account	\$ 168.09
Student Account	\$ 276.92
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 445.01

OSU ACCOUNT

<u>Starting Balance</u>	\$ 600.00
Debits	

Refreshments for monthly meetings	\$ 91.50
Refreshments costs (Fish Fry, etc)	\$ 170.87
Aquarium maintenance (filters, food)	\$ 63.99
Total	\$ 326.36

Credits

No Activity	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 273.64

Summary

Till Balance	\$ 304.35
Student Account Balance	\$ 276.92
OSU Account Balance	\$ 273.64
<u>OKAFS Student Chapter Balance</u>	<u>\$ 854.91</u>

STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

- OSU students **Daniel Dauwalter**, **Jason Freund**, **Sabrina Rust**, gave presentations at the 2006 AFS Southern Division Meeting in San Antonio, TX ; **Sabrina Rust** won the Jimmie Pigg Outstanding Student Achievement Award..
- **Dan Dauwalter**, **Sabrina Rust**, **Jason Freund**, **Eric Brinkman**, and **Jeff Fore** gave presentations at the OKAFS annual meeting in Ardmore, OK. Sabrina won the Jimmie Pigg Student Travel Scholarships, each worth \$1000.
- Former President, **Dan Dauwalter**, has defended his thesis and is now working on his post-doctoral at the University of Wyoming.
- Former Vice President, **Jeff Fore**, is working on his Master's degree at Eastern Illinois University.
- There are plenty of Subunit T-Shirts left.....**COME AND GET YOURS!!**

Oklahoma Student Chapter AFS 11th Annual Fisheries Techniques Demonstration



The Lateral Line—June 2005

Participants gather at Lake McMurry in Stillwater, OK for the 11th Annual Fisheries Techniques Demonstration



FS 20

c, Jason
students



Dan Shoup (Left), Student Chapter Faculty Co-Advisor, demonstrated boat electrofishing



Techniques Demonstration participants
(Above) learned proper techniques for
age/growth and diet collection



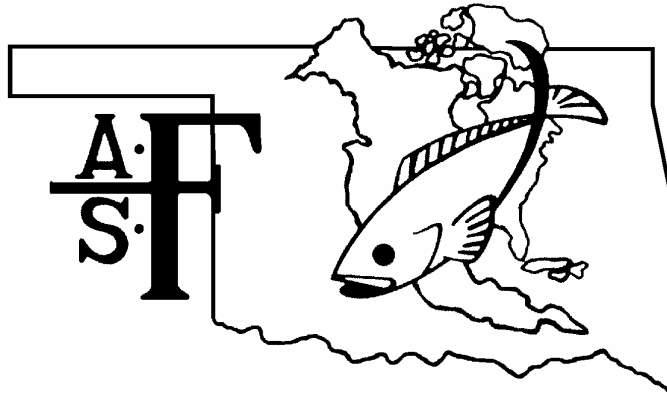
Gene Gilliland, Oklahoma Dept of Wildlife Conservation spoke to the group about black bass management in Oklahoma waters.

Students saw how GIS is incorporated into fisheries management.





The day was topped off with a great cookout provided by the subunit along with its fine chef, **Eric Brinkman!**



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