

NEWSLETTER
TEXAS CHAPTER-AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
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Committees have been busy this year and there has been several worthy accomplishments. The following is a brief report of committee activities.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report - The balance on February 11, 1980 was \$638.97. Dues collected amounted to \$256.00 and total expenditures were \$5.25.

Membership Committee Report - Present membership in the Texas Chapter is 112 members. A membership list is attached. (If your name is not on this, pay up!).

Nominating Committee Report - Neil Carter is organizing his committee which will be considering a slate of candidates for election at our 1980 meeting.

Editorial Committee Report - James T. Davis indicated the proceedings of the 1979 meeting should be mailed to members during March.

Program Committee - Charles Inman is considering several locations (Austin, Tyler, or San Marcos) for our annual meeting. Anyone with suggestions for our next meeting place, contact Mr. Inman.

Farm Pond Stocking and Management Policy - The committee is transmitting the attached stocking recommendations to the entire membership for review and comment. Members attending our meeting last fall received the same stocking recommendations. Please send comments to Gary Valentine, Soil Conservation Service, P.O. Box 648, Temple, TX 76501, by March 31, 1980.

The committee will convene, evaluate comments, and revise stocking recommendations, if necessary. Final recommendations will accompany the last newsletter prior to the fall, 1980 meeting. Members should come to the annual meeting prepared to vote on the adoption of these stocking rates.

When reviewing the proposed stocking rates, remember that the purpose of these recommendations, plus any future management recommendations, is to provide private, state, and federal entities with technically sound advice developed by the state's only professional society of fisheries biologists and managers. Chapter acceptance of our recommendations are not binding on members or employers. Rather, we are using our chapter as a forum to develop pond management information tailored to Texas; and we hope everyone gives our recommendations serious consideration, whether they are private pond owners, commercial fish producers, state agencies, universities, or federal agencies.

Carl R. Sullivan (Executive Director AFS) - is requesting help in the society's "all-out" initiative to achieve a major expansion of the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid to Fish Restoration Act.

The D-J Expansion Bill (S.1631 in the Senate and H.R. 6074 in the House) is easily the most important recreational fisheries legislation ever introduced. In trying to pass it we are confronted with major opposition from the boat and motor industry. They are very well funded and determined to avoid having to provide support for state recreational fisheries programs. We think them shortsighted because their sales are directly dependent on the quality of sportfishing.

Now is the time when we need your help and that of all chapter members. We need each of you to write D-J support letters to all members of the U.S. Congress from your geographical area. Individual letters are tremendously important and will be vital to our effort. Every Senator and Congressman is important, but those listed are particularly influential in the beginning.

S.1631 in the Senate

Lloyd Bentsen
U.S. Senate
Rm 4204 DSOB
Washington, DC 20510

H.R. 6074 in the House

E. Dela Garza
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