

NEWSLETTER
TEXAS CHAPTER - AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
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The end of the 1976-77 fiscal year for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been the busiest yet, especially Fisheries. Many old bodies have moved on to richer grounds leaving the battles for the experienced who remain. Terry Leary, our Chapter's Secretary-Treasurer, has left the Department for a position with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. He can be reached at Lincoln Center, Suite 881, 5401 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida 33609, Telephone: (813) 228-2815. Edward W. Bonn, the Chapter's past President, has retired after 35 years of service. He resides at 1300 W. Munson, Denison, Texas 75020, Telephone: (214) 786-2389. His contributions and dedication to the Department's Conservation Programs are memorable. Chapter Member, Elgin Dietz, P. O. Box 484, Fulton, Texas 78258, Telephone: (512) 729-6297, retired after 31 years of service. His ability at Administration of Fisheries programs will be missed. David Pritchard, Inland Fisheries Branch Chief, recently accepted a position with the National Marine Fisheries Service, and reports for work September 26th. He willed the state the strongest and the most progressive Fisheries Management Program it has ever experienced. David's address is Duval Bldg., 9450 Gandy Blvd., St. Petersburg, Florida 33702, Telephone: (813) 893-3161. Please let Jim Davis, Chapter President, or me know of any other membership changes.

Where are the member applicants? The Chapter's membership now stands at 96. The Membership Committee is

Jim Flynn - Chairman
Gilbert Chamber
Allen Forshage
Wallace Klussmann
Ernest Simmons

Let's get going on that drive fellows. Members need to help too.

Other Chapter Committees and Members are

Auditing Committee
Leland Roberts - Chairman
Joseph McCraren

Program Committee
Bill Rutledge - Chairman
Meryl Broussard
Dick White

Awards Committee
B.G. Whiteside - Chairman
Olan Dillon
Paul Seidensticker

Nominating Committee

Bob Hambric - Chairman

John Garcia

Gary Graham

L. V. Guerra

The Program Committee welcomes all members to the 31st Southeastern Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 9-12 for our Annual Meeting (See Enclosures for the Conference and its fisheries session papers). Our Chapter Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th, 1-2 p.m. in the Convention Center, 1001 E. Commerce, Rm. 32. In addition to the variety of outstanding papers to be presented, the conference's festivities are exceptional this year. Sunday evening will feature Mexican hors d'oeuvres and country western music at La Villita Assembly Hall just around the corner from the Hilton. After Monday's technical sessions, those who have tickets (\$5) will visit the Lone Star Brewery for a Texican barbeque with mariachi music and tours of the famous Halls of Horns, Feathers, Fins and Guns. Tuesday night is the time for the Conference's big banquet.

The Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for all five categories of outstanding fisheries workers (See enclosed nomination forms). Please send these to Dr. B.G. Whiteside, Southwest Texas State University, Biology Department, Aquatic Lab, San Marcos, Texas 78666. His deadline was August 19th, and so, if he receives them by September 20th it should be alright.

I understand some interest has been expressed for a power company biologist section in the AFS. If you are interested, let Mr. Carl R. Sullivan, Executive Secretary, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20014 know so he can pass on the information.

The Chapter President is receiving the AFS Diary - a weekly report to the Executive Committee from the office of the Director. The following notes may be of interest:

- 1,141 fisheries scientists have been certified by AFS since the inception of the program. At least 13 are deceased and quite surprisingly 217 have dropped their membership.
- The lowest 10 states and the average annual salary paid by each to biologists are:

AR - \$10,685	RI - \$11,535
HI - \$11,250	KS - \$11,557
MA - \$11,346	ME - \$11,597
NH - \$11,403	VA - \$11,623
NE - \$11,506	SD - \$11,883

Legislators and the Governors of 22 states which have below average pay scales were written to relay the low salary information and as diplomatically as possible to urge their structures be reevaluated.

- The Symposium on Selected Coolwater Fishes of North America, sponsored by the North Central Division and others will be held March 7-9, 1978. It was great to hear that Chapter Member John Prentice of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been invited to present a paper on the Walleye Fishery Management Program in Texas. Place: Radisson St. Paul Hotel, 11 East Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

As Jim Davis supplies me with the AFS reports, comments of interest will be noted and passed on in the next newsletter.

We all look forward to seeing the membership at the Southeastern. Keep working for new members.

APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP TEXAS CHAPTER-AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

I hereby apply for membership in the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and am enclosing a check (payable to Texas Chapter-AFS) for annual dues.

check one: Regular Membership (\$3 dues) Student Membership (\$2 dues)
School: _____

TYPE OR PRINT: Name _____ Address _____
City _____ Zip _____

Send with your check to address below.

Texas Chapter, AFS
c/o Nick Carter
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744