NEWSLETTER TEXAS CHAPTER - AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY NUMBER 19, FEBRUARY 1981

President's Report - Since the last newsletter, President Charles Inman has attended the Southeastern G&F meeting in Nashville where he presented a report on Chapter activities. He has also appointed two new committee chairmen-Jim Flynn will handle exhibits for the annual meeting and Allen Forshage who will handle advertisement for the "Proceedings." Charles also wishes to thank the members of the Stocking and Management Committee for their excellent work on the stocking guide.

President-Elect/Program Chairman's Report - Monty Millard accompanied Charles Inman to the Southeastern Meeting. He points out that the next meeting of the Texas Chapter will be held on 26 September 1981 at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters building in Austin. It is not too early for members to begin preparing papers to be presented at the meeting. Monty has solicited the aid of Holt Williamson and Nick Carter to search out prospective paper presenters for the meeting so don't be surprised if you hear from one of them. Gary Matlock and Maury Osborn will be local co-ordinators for the Austin meeting. Rumor has it that they are planning a magnificent get-together for Friday night, 25 September 1981.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report - As of 1 February 1981 the Texas Chapter had 112 members. A membership list is enclosed with this newsletter. If your name is not on it, you haven't paid your 1981 dues and this is the last newsletter you'll see until you do. So send your \$5 (\$4 for students) along with your name, address and phone number to: P. Johansen, Texas Chapter AFS, Post Office Box 1707, Rockport, Texas 78382.

As of 1 February 1981, the treasury contained \$570.86. So far this year we've spent \$11.84 for printing the first newsletter, \$30 for mailing the newsletter, \$48.80 for mailing the Farm Pond Stocking Guide and \$15 for postage for Clell Guest's membership drive.

We have also sold 2 copies of Vol. 1 and 2 copies of Vol. 2 of the Proceedings. Copies of both Vol. 1 and Vol. 2 are available from the Secretary-Treasurer (\$3/copy for members, \$5/copy for non-members). Copies of the "Stocking and Management Recommendations for Texas Farm Ponds" are also available to members from the Secretary-Treasurer.

Membership Committee Report - Clell Guest's committee has contacted various universities, state and federal agencies, and other organizations in order to encourage persons to join the Texas Chapter. In addition, this committee is working on a format for a directory of fisheries workers in Texas.

Nominating Committee Report - Bobby Whiteside asks that members submit names of prospective 1982 officers (President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer) to him.

<u>Publicity Committee Report - Dick Luebke has written a letter to Fisheries explaining the activities of the Texas Chapter AFS and publicizing the availability of our "Proceedings."</u>

Farm Pond Stocking and Management Committee Report - Gary Valentine reports that about 2000 copies of the "Stocking and Management Recommendations for Texas Farm Ponds" publication have been mailed—to members, catfish farmers of Texas, TPWD, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service, Southeastern and National AFS. Gary discussed the publication at the Texas Fish Farming Conference held at College Station on 29 January 1981 and the publication has received favorable reviews from Richard Anderson of the University of Missouri. Rumor has it that the U.S.F.W.S. may be interested in funding the future publication of the stocking guide.

Meanwhile, a few errors have been discovered in the stocking guide. Please correct the following in your copy:

1) p. 3. under the section "Muddy Water," 4th line from bottom. The phrase "which are primarily sight feeders" should come after the word "bass"--not after "catfish."

- 2) p. 6. 2nd line from bottom of page. Place a "(1)" before the words "stock 20, 6-8 inch bass..."
 - 3) p. 7. 3rd line from bottom. Stike out the words "Go to 12."

Any other additions, deletions, corrections or suggestions for the next printing of the stocking guide should be sent directly to Gary Valentine.

Notice of Meeting - The 6th Annual Marine Recreational Fisheries Symposium (dealing with sciaenids) will be held at the Astro Village Hotel in Houston, Texas on 19-20 March 1981. To register, contact Ken Hinman, Post Office Box 23298, Savannah, Georgia 31403.

News for the National - Carl Sullivan, Executive Director of the National AFS, asks that chapter members write to legislators urging them to support expansion of the Dingell-Johnson (DJ) program. This is the states' best hope of achieving the \$100 million they will need in federal funding to support their fisheries programs at the present level. The DJ Expansion Bill will extend the 10% manufacturers' excise tax on fishing tackle to items now exempt (hooks, lines, nets, gaffs, etc.) and place a 3% excise tax on recreational boats and motors. The public needs to be made aware that without increased funding, fisheries cannot continue to be managed properly. Manufacturers need to understand that if fisheries are not managed properly, then fishing will decrease with a corresponding decrease in sales of fishing gear—including boats and motors.

The first issue of the AFS-sponsored "North American Journal of Fisheries Management" should be available by early spring. Subscription rate for this new journal is only \$10--a real bargain.

Copies of the 1980 edition of common and scientific names of fishes are now available from AFS. Cost is \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members with a 20% discount for orders of 10 or more copies.

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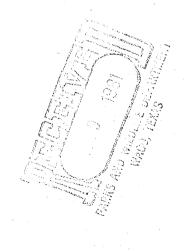
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