

Texas Chapter, American Fisheries Society
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Our annual meeting is scheduled at the Sunday House in Kerrville. Activities begin on October 15 at 12:00. Participants are responsible for their own transportation and overnight accommodations. Be sure to reserve your room for Friday night. The phone number is (512) 896-1313. Prices are \$28 for a single and \$36 for doubles. The Sunday House is located two blocks south of I-10 on Highway 16.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Friday Oct. 15:

- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Registration
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Business Meeting
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Panel Discussion - Using exotic species of fish in Texas
6:00 pm - ? Barbecue and beer social

Saturday Oct. 16:

- 8:30 am - 12:15 pm "Preliminary Observations of Growth, Survival, Reproductive Success and Catchability of Parentals, Hybrid and Trihybrid Sunfishes" - W. Clell Guest
"Status Report on Peacock Bass in Texas" - Gary P. Garrett
"Relation Between Growth, Mortality and Proportional Stock Density of Largemouth Bass in Texas Reservoirs" - L. Esteban Miranda
"An Estimation of Tag Reporting Rates from Texas Recreational Boat Fishermen" - Albert W. Green, Gary C. Matlock and James E. Weaver
"Handling and Tagging Survival of Hook-Caught Spotted Seatrout Held in Cages" - H.E. Hegen, G. C. Matlock, and A. W. Green
"Corrective Stocking of Forage-Deficient Ponds Using Bluegills" - Richard L. Noble and Veronica M. Henry
"Heat Tolerance of Redband Trout" - Albin J. Sonski
"Flathead Catfish Egg Procurement" - Kathryn E. Kulzer
"The Use of Formalin to Separate Tadpoles from Largemouth Bass Fingerlings after Harvesting" - J. R. Tomasso, Gary J. Carmichael
"A Portable Zooplankton Sampling Apparatus" - Bobby W. Farquhar
"Age and Growth of Red Drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) in Three Texas Bay Systems" - C. A. Wakefield and Robert L. Colura
"Development of a Freshwater Fish Hatchery/Extension Training Center in the Philippines" - Robert R. Stickney

In order to let the caterer know how many persons to expect - preregistration is required. Preregistration forms and money must be received by the Secretary NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 13th. Your receipt will serve as your meal ticket, so don't lose it. The registration fee includes \$5.00 for the 1983 dues and the meeting (\$4.00 for students) plus \$5.00 for you and \$5.00 for each guest you plan to bring to the social. The \$5.00 fee for the social includes barbecue and all the beer you can drink.

An executive committee meeting was held June 12th in Austin.

Audit Committee: Nothing to report.

Awards Committee: This year's award ceremony will be coordinated with the publicity committee which will take pictures and send out news releases. Outdoor writers are being invited to the meeting.

Editorial: The instructions to authors will be revised next year to follow only AFS guidelines. Gary Matlock and Gary Garrett were asked to serve the rest of the year to help select papers.

Publicity Committee: We discussed selling the old Proceedings at a package deal at 25-30% discount. We also discussed donating the old proceedings to schools with major fishery programs. Jimmy Dean has compiled a list of these schools. Currently the proceedings are just gathering dust and taking up space. We have only sold 17 of them since November 1980. By giving them to appropriate libraries we will at least get a little publicity.

President's Report:

1. The parent society requested a list of our members that are not parent society members. It was brought to our attention that our bylaws state that to be a voting member of the Texas Chapter, one must be a member of the parent society. Gary replied to the parent society that we will make an effort to campaign for parent society membership but that the parent society should do some self analysis of reasons why membership is down, such as:

- a. cost of membership
- b. cost of publications
- c. perception that you don't really get anything for the dues if you don't take transactions.

2. The parent society wants a display from the Texas chapter for the annual meeting. Jimmy Dean and Maury Ferguson will put together a notebook.

3. We decided to send \$25.00 to the capital fund committee for the building fund.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Membership this year is up to 154. Congratulations to Don Whitmore - that is the highest ever. There are still a lot of fisheries people out there who aren't members - everyone should do their part to encourage them to join.

News from the National:

The Texas Chapter stocking guide got a very nice mention in the AFS Fisheries Management Section Newsletter:

'Stocking-Management Guide Available: The Texas Chapter of the AFS has produced a very good guide to the stocking and management of farm ponds in Texas that will be applicable to several states. The publication titled, "Stocking and Management Recommendations for Texas Ponds," is directed toward stocking and harvest recommendations for warm water ponds less than 5 acres. Whereas most stocking recommendations simply recommend species and number of fish per acre, the above publication provides a key matching environmental conditions with species recommendations. For information concerning a copy of the publication contact a member of the Texas Chapter.'

We have an opportunity to make a little money if we recruit a new Librarian Sustaining or Associate Member for the parent society. The program provides that a finder's fee of ½ the first year's dues be returned to any AFS subunit chosen by the recruiting members. The dues for each category are:

Librarian - 1982 -- \$125.00
 1983 -- \$140.00
Sustaining - \$100.00
Associate - \$1000.00

To receive credit and 1/2 the dues Tracey Kerns at the central office must be informed of your name, subunit affiliation and a record of who you contacted. And when distributing membership application forms, mark them with your name and subunit. Membership brochures and application forms can be obtained from AFS headquarters, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, (301)897-8616.

Certification! The Louisiana state legislature recently passed a bill which requires all new fisheries professionals to be certified by AFS prior to employment. It is not known if the governor has signed the bill, however certification is one very good reason for being a parent society member.

"Monetary Values of Freshwater Fish and Fish Kill Counting Guidelines": AFS Special Publication No. 13, is available now and costs \$8.00 for AFS members and \$10.00 for non-members.

REGISTRATION FOR 1982 ANNUAL MEETING
AND APPLICATION FOR 1983 MEMBERSHIP

Enclosed please find _____ \$5.00 (Regular) or _____ \$4.00 (student) for registration for the 1982 annual meeting and for 1983 dues.

Enclosed also is \$5.00 for my reservation for the barbeque dinner at the Sunday House and \$ _____ for _____ guests at \$5.00 per guest.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Affiliation _____

Fishery Interests _____

Mail check and registration form to: Maury Ferguson
Texas Chapter AFS,
1113 Spearson
Austin, Texas 78745.

Make check payable to: Texas Chapter - AFS.

NOTE: Albin Sonski, Billy Higginbotham, Michael Zeman, Sharon Wallace, Fred Blood and Richard O'Keefe have already paid dues for 1983 so they only need to register for the social.

As mentioned before, only members of the national AFS may vote at the annual meeting of the Texas Chapter. Following is a membership application for the parent society.

Application for Membership

Print or type applicant's name in full	American Fisheries Society 5410 Grosvenor Lane Bethesda, Maryland 20814	Member recruited by
Address		If applicant is a student as defined below, the teacher endorsing him signs here.
City	State/Province	Zip Code
Nation	19 Membership year*	Date

- Active (\$30)
 Student (\$15.00)**
 Retired (\$15.00)
 I wish to receive the *Transactions* (\$15 plus dues)
 I wish to receive the *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* (\$10 plus dues)

SECTION DUES: (Optional)		<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Culture	\$4.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Administrators	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality	\$3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Life History	\$3.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Health	\$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Educators	\$3.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine Fisheries	\$3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exotic Fish	\$3.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Management	\$3.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Bio-Engineering	\$5.00		

- Official (\$250)
 Sustaining (\$100)
 Library Subscription (\$125)†
 Associate (\$1,000)

* New members accepted Jan. 1-Aug. 31 are credited to full membership for that year. (Back issues of periodicals as appropriate are sent.) Members accepted Sept. 1-Dec. 31 credited to full membership as of next Jan. 1, unless requested otherwise.

** Bona fide students of fisheries subjects are eligible for Student membership (limited to 6 years). Persons employed full-time not eligible. Teacher endorsement required (see above).

NOTE: **Official** membership open to any governmental body. **Retired** membership for Active members upon retiring at age 65. **Sustaining** membership for commercial firms, conservation clubs, or others desiring to support the Society. **Library Subscriptions** include bimonthly TRANSACTIONS, quarterly NORTH AMERICAN JOURNAL OF FISHERIES MANAGEMENT, bimonthly FISHERIES, Membership Directory, Special Publications, and Monographs.

†Other than U.S. & Canada, \$129.00.