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## **EXCOM REPORT**

The executive committee met at the TPWD offices in Austin on July 30. Attending were Gary Matlock, Glen Cordova, Ed Hegen, Dick Luebke, Maury Ferguson, Valerie Morrill, Joe Tomasso and Dennis Palafox.

Ed Hegen (exhibits and advertising) reported that he has raised over \$400 in contributions and exhibit fees. He asks members to send him names of any potential advertisers or contributors. Ed then moved to list services and products of contributors in the proceedings rather than just their names. The Excom agreed.

Dennis Palafox (nominating) announced that Dick Leubke, Valerie Morrell and Brian Murphy have agreed to be candidates for president elect. Bibliographies of the candidates are in this newsletter.

Glen Cordova (membership) reported plans to send information on the chapter to a key person at each institution or agency where we have several members in an effort to increase recruitment.

Dick Luebke (editorial) reported that the Proceedings of the last meeting are in press and will be distributed at this year's meeting. Printing costs at Texas A & M were \$408.08. An estimate on a similar Proceedings from a private printer in Kerrville was over \$2000. Nine abstracts have been received for the upcoming meeting so far. The Excom decided to ask people to bring updated abstracts to the meeting if the original abstract submitted contained preliminary or incomplete results. This will allow the publishing in the Proceedings of more up to date material. Dick suggested that we invite a speaker from U.T. to talk about the Port Aransas campus if the meeting program needs an additional speaker. Dick also asked that, in the future, any papers rejected for presentation at the meeting due to time constraints be invited for review for publication in the Proceedings. The Excom agreed.

Valerie Morrill (Publicity) announced that the membership brochure has been printed. One thousand copies were printed for \$616 dollars. Type setting cost \$240 and will not be charged in future runs. Valerie also proposed guidelines for review and approval of chapter publicity releases and guidelines for chapter representation at fisheries related functions.

Mike Zeman (Secretary-Treasurer) reported a balance of \$937 as of July 31. Mike also sent 15 complete sets of our extra Proceedings to Fisheries libraries throughout the country. Dick Luebke moved to send 10 more sets to additional libraries in order to increase access to them by fisheries biologists. The Excom agreed.

Gary Matlock (president) reported that the development of an operations manual for the chapter is going well. He hopes to have it ready to give to Maury when she takes over.

Maury Ferguson (president elect) reported on the annual meeting preparations. Details are included in this newsletter.

Other business - The American Fisheries Society requested that the chapter donate to the permanent home fund. The Excom decided to decline the request citing a \$25 donation made by the chapter last year. AFS also requested a list of names and addresses of chapter members who are not AFS members. The Excom decided not to answer the request.

#### PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINATIONS

The following individuals have accepted nominations for the President-elect position. An election will be held at the annual meeting in order to choose the next president of the Texas Chapter. Please give each nominee careful consideration.

Dick Luebke - Dick moved to Texas from Wisconsin in 1971 after receiving a B.S. in Fisheries Management from Wisconsin in 1971. He received an M.S. in Fisheries from Texas A&M in 1973. He has worked for Parks and Wildlife for 11 years in both the Coastal and Inland Fisheries Branches. He is currently serving as director of the Heart of the Hills Research Station in Kerrville. He has been a member of the American Fisheries for 11 years and a member of the Texas Chapter since its inception. He has been involved in the Texas Chapter as Chairman of the Nominating Committee in 1978, Publicity Committee, 1981 and most recently, the Editorial Committee (1983 and '84).

Valerie Morrill - Valerie is a wildlife biologist with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Hood section where she is involved with managing the army installation's fish and game populations on 200,000 acres of central Texas. Before coming to Fort Hood in 1981, she worked for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in supervising youth conservation programs. Valerie received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. She has been a member of the Texas Chapter of AFS since 1981. Her chapter activities include serving as the 1983-84 Publicity Chairman and attending the 3 past annual meetings. She is also a member of the AFS Parent Society and Southern Division, The Wildlife Society and its subdivisions, The National Military Fish and Wildlife Association and The Nature Conservancy.

Brian Murphy - Brian received a B.S. in Biological Sciences from the University of Detroit in 1975, an M.S. in Aquatic Toxicology and Radiation Biology from Purdue in 1977 and a Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1981 in Fisheries Sciences. He is presently an Assistant Professor and member of the Graduate Faculty, Department of Range and Wildlife Management, Texas Tech University. Brian is a member of various committees at Texas Tech. He is very actively involved in various professional societies including the American Fisheries Society where he is a member of the Fisheries Educators Section, Fisheries Management Section and the Water Quality Section. He has also been actively involved with the Texas Chapter. He was chairman of the Pond Management Committee (1982-83), a member of the Membership Committee (1981-83) and a manuscript reviewer for the Annual Proceedings of the Chapter.

#### PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Dick Luebke wants to remind all persons wishing to publish an article in the Proceedings based on their paper presented at the meeting to bring three copies of the final product to the meeting. Also, persons wishing to publish only an abstract of their presented paper should bring a revised (updated, finalized, etc) abstract to the meeting.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

Nominations are still being accepted for Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the year. There are five categories of awards: culture, management, research, education, special (member or non-member).

All nominees must be members in-good-standing of the chapter except in the special category. A nominee can receive only one award each year, but a nominee may have previously won an award.

Send nominations to Tom Linton (Dept. Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, Texas A&M, College Station, 77843).

#### MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES

The new brochures are available and will be distributed at the meeting. For a sneak preview, contact Glen Cordova (P.O.B. 8, Seabrook, TX, 77586, 713/474-2811).

#### NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be prepared in November. Anyone wishing to have something included in the newsletter, please send to Joe Tomasso (Aquatic Station, SWTSU, San Marcos, TX 78666) by November 1.

#### MEETING INFO

The 1984 annual meeting of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be held September 14-15 at the U.T. Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas. The panel discussion will be on Freshwater Inflow with Dr. Ed. Klima of NMFS in Galveston as moderator. Mr. John Specht of the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority will represent inland water users, Gary Powell of the Texas Department of Water Resources will present his department's research programs and approach to the problem, and Dr. Jeff Matthews of the U.S.F.W.S. in Galveston will present the coastal ecologist's point of view.

The Friday night social will be held outside by the beach if the weather is good or at the old Port Aransas community center if it rains. The Texas Shrimp Association has graciously agreed to donate shrimp for Phil Durocher's famous cajun shrimp and potato boil and of course plenty of beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

All of this for a measly \$5 per person. Such a deal but you must send your money in by August 30. Dormitory lodging is available at the Marine Science Institute for \$7.50 a person for 70 persons on a first registered-first served basis. Cafeteria meals are also available for Friday and Saturday lunches and Saturday breakfast (See registration You must preregister for the meals. Other lodging is available nearby at motels and campsites .

On Saturday afternoon after the meeting, Gene McCarthy will conduct a tour at the TPWD John Wilson Maime Fish Hatchery in Corpus Christi. This is TPWD's most modern fish hatchery and is involved in the production of red drum, spotted seatrout, snook - and who knows what else in the future - for stocking in Texas bays. Final

arrangements will be announced at the meeting. Reservations and money for lodging and meals at the Port Aransas U.T. Marine Science Institute and for the Friday night social must be

received by Thursday, Aug. 30.

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<u>Directions to U.T. - U. T. is located in Port Aransas at the southern end of Cotter Avenue. People coming from Aransas Pass on </u> Highway 361 will ride the ferry across the ship channel and be deposited on Cotter Avenue - Just stay on it. If you run into the Gulf of Mexico, you have gone too far. People coming up Mustang Island Road from Corpus Christi will come to Cotter Ave. Turn right. U.T. is just a few blocks.

Other lodging available at meeting.

Camping at County Park on Gulf. Walking distance from U.T. Call Chamber of Commerce for directions (512/749-5919).

2) Anglers Courts. 503 N. Alister St. (749-5327) 1 bed with kitchen \$28

2 beds with kitchen \$38 House that sleeps 6 \$50

House that sleeps 8 \$53

Anchor Courts, 403 S. 10th St. (749-5340) 3) 1 double & 1 single bed \$28 (for 2 people) 2 double & 1 rollaway \$38 (for 4 people) \$2/additional person

Driftwood Hotel, 300 W. Ave. G (749-6427) 4)

1 king size bed \$45

2 double beds \$55

1 bed with kitchen \$40

### REGISTRATION FORM

Lodgi	ng/Meals At U.T. Marine Science Institute	
	Dormitories @ \$7.50/person  (4 beds to a room - 2 rooms to a bath. Sheets and pillowcases provided. Bring your own blankets, pillotowels)	ows and
	Friday Lunch @ \$3.50/person (spaghetti dinner)	
	Saturday Breakfast @ \$2.75/person (juice, coffee, egg bacon)	gs &
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Regis	stration/Annual Dues.	
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