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Details for the Upcoming Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 5th and 6th, in San Antonio. The meeting will take place at the Travel Lodge on the River, 100 Villita St., 78205. A block of 50 rooms has been set aside for chapter members. However, reservations must be made early. Phone reservations can be made by calling (512) 226-2271. Rooms are available for a flat rate of \$52 and can accommodate up to four persons. Parking is available in a parking garage at the rate of \$4.30 per day.

In addition to the business meeting, a panel discussion is scheduled for Thursday afternoon. The topic of the discussion will be "The Use of Regulation in Fishery Management". The panel will feature the following speakers:

Dick Anderson	USFWS
Chester Burdett	TPWD (law enforcement)
Dan Klepper	San Antonio Express
Gary Matlock	TPWD (fisheries)
Ron Poage	GCCA
Joe Rodgers	Texas Black Bass Unlimited

Following the panel discussion, there will be a barbecue at the Lone Star Brewery. The Hatchery Division of TPWD is preparing the food. There will be a shuttle service between the Travel Lodge and the brewery.

The technical papers sessions will be held on Friday, October 6th.

Post Meeting Fishing Trips

Some TC-AFS members plan to fish after the annual meeting. Options include a Friday afternoon and evening stint on Lake Braunig -- to see if TPWD's management really has produced lunker bass there. A Saturday trip is scheduled for Choke Canyon Lake, an hour south of San Antonio. It is one of Texas' hot bass lakes and merits a trip by any angler who can participate.

Anglers who wish to fish Choke Canyon, can reserve rooms at the Choke Canyon Bass Inn (512-786-3521) for approximately \$38. Make reservations before the end of August to assure space.

Members with fishing boats are asked to bring them. They can be parked inside the Lake Braunig fence and semiguarded by the officers of the San Antonio River Authority there. Notify Ralph Manns (512) 345-4058 so he can tell SARA reps how many boats are coming.

If you plan to bring a boat and have no fishing partner, let Ralph know so he can pair you with a non-boating member. Members without boats who want to fish should also inform Ralph.

The Exhibits and Fund Raising Committee is lining up a guide for each lake to serve the highest bidders in blind auctions to be held in September by mail. Guide names and details of the auction will be forthcoming as soon as the guides confirm their donations. In addition, the Exhibits committee is trying to line up guide trips to be auctioned off at the annual meeting. Members who won trips last year should report on these trips to Ralph (512) 345-4058.

Call For Papers/Presentations

Members planning to present papers during the technical session at the Annual Meeting should send abstracts to:

Ken Kurzawski
TPWD
1004 East 26th Street
Bryan, TX 77803
(409) 822-5067

The technical session will be held on Friday, October 6th. Authors can either present material from a paper they wish to submit for inclusion in meeting proceedings or give a presentation without submitting a paper. Depending on the number of presentations, time allotted for each presentation will not exceed 20 minutes. Presentations should be 15 minutes or less. Presenters should pay particular attention to maximizing use of graphics. Tables or figures with excessive amounts of data should not be used. Papers submitted should follow format conventions and manuscript components listed in the Transactions of the American Fisheries Society. Authors should bring a final draft of their paper to submit to the Editorial Committee at the Annual Meeting. Figures should be high quality (computer-generated or pen and ink drawings). If possible, a diskette containing a copy of the paper (in WordPerfect) should also be submitted.

Call for Awards Nominations

Members are reminded to begin preparing nominations for Outstanding Fisheries Worker(s) of the Year Award(s). Awards may be presented in five categories, including culture, management, research, education, and administration. Nominations should be directed toward members of the awards committee who represent the applicable area of specialization. Committee members are:

Roy Kleinsasser (research)
TPWD
POB 947
San Marcos, TX 78667

David Terre (management)
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Pat Hutson (culture)
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Del Gatlin (education)
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas 77843

Gene McCarty (administration)
TPWD
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Temperature Tolerance in Southern Flounder

In the January 1989 issue of Transactions of the American Fisheries Society John Prentice (member of the Texas Chapter of AFS) discusses the results of temperature tolerance experiments with the southern flounder, Paralichthys lethostigma. He concludes that this species probably will not survive well in freshwater which falls below about 10 deg. C or in saltwater below about 7 deg. C. He recommends that introduction of this species into reservoirs only be considered when such low temperatures will not be experienced.

The Texas State Fish

Recently, Governor Clements signed into law an act making the Guadalupe Bass, Micropterus treculi, the official Texas state fish. This action was initiated by the third grade class of Shirley Watson of Decator, Texas with informational aid from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.