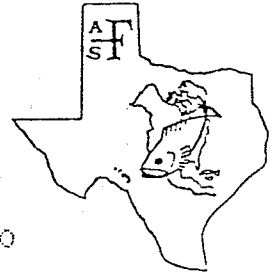


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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 1989 annual meeting in San Antonio was one of the most successful in Chapter history and I would like to thank all those whose hard work made it possible. Attendance was excellent and as a result chapter membership is up significantly. This coupled with a very successful auction/raffle has the chapter finances in good shape.

The EXCOM met in November to consider two main topics. The Scholarship Endowment Fund set up last year was discussed and Brian Murphy has been working to set up guidelines and procedures so we can establish a permanent selection committee. I hope we can award the first scholarship this year.

We also discussed a chapter display booth. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Hatchery Branch has agreed to loan us a display booth and Barbara Gregg and Mac McCune are going to put together a display of chapter goals, functions, and activities. We hope to set this up at the Texas Academy of Science, the Creel Symposium in Houston, and the 1991 AFS meeting in San Antonio. Anyone with

experience putting a display together should contact Barbara or Mac. I am sure they would appreciate any help. We will also be looking for volunteers to man the booth at upcoming meetings. This will be a good opportunity to get some national exposure and publicize the chapter and I hope we will be able to raise some money from the sale of caps and T shirts.

Lorraine Fries and Roy Kleinsasser are going to be updating the Fisheries Workers Directory this year. This is a very useful document and they will probably be asking the membership for help in this monumental undertaking.

On the next page is a list of officers and committee chairmen for 1989-90. If you have any concerns in these areas please contact them. I would also like to encourage the membership to begin considering nominations for both officers and awards for next year. There always seems to be a scarcity of membership participation in these two areas and your input is vital to the success of the chapter.

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#### AWARDS PRESENTED AT SAN ANTONIO MEETING

Fisheries Worker of the Year Awards were presented in following categories at the annual meeting in San Antonio.

Management: Joseph Kraai, TPWD, for his development of trout fisheries in panhandle reservoirs. He is also recognized for his research in the areas of radiotelemetry, yellow perch management, catfish management, and the effects of water fluctuation on west Texas fisheries.

Culture: Robert Vega, TPWD, for his achievements at the Gulf Coast Conservation Association marine development center. Under his leadership, the marine development center has dramatically improved its broodfish condition, egg production, and hatchery rates. Consequently, a new record high number of red drum fingerlings were produced and stocked during the 1989 year.

Research: Roy Kleinsasser and Gordon Linam, TPWD, for their work in modifying Karr's index of biotic integrity for application in evaluating fish communities within Texas ecoregions. Their modifications will be useful in assessing stream fish community status and

environmental impacts; and identifying necessary protection activities for Texas streams.

Research-Honorable Mention: Dr. Robert Edwards of UT-Pan American, for his research in community dynamics of estuarine and freshwater fishes and for recovery efforts concerning several endangered fishes and as leader of the San Marcos Recovery Team. Dr. Edwards has presented the results of his activities to a variety of organizations, including the Texas Chapter.

Administration: Dr. Gary Matlock, TPWD, for his administrative efforts as Fisheries Division Director. Some of the department's achievements under his direction include the establishment of the Lone Star Lunker Program; increased protection of sportfishing through length limit management; addition of problem fish to the harmful fish list; establishment of the paddlefish, striped bass, snook, tarpon, and Guadalupe bass restoration programs; increased hatchery production; development of management plans for shrimp and oysters; development of genetic marking programs designed to evaluate stocking success; and restoration and expansion of the A. E. Wood State Fish Hatchery.

The outstanding presentation at this year's annual meeting was awarded to R. Clay Smith and Brian Murphy, Texas A & M University, for a presentation on "Behavior and habitat use by red drum and largemouth bass in a power-plant reservoir".

## REQUEST FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The Awards Committee of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is accepting written nominations for worthy individuals to receive awards at this year's annual meeting. Member input is essential! If you know someone who deserves recognition for their fisheries-related work, please nominate them for an award. A total of seven awards may be presented in a given year, assuming nominations are received. The awards committee will review the nominations and make selections for awards, based only on information contained within the nomination letters. If multiple nominations are received and more than one nominee is considered outstanding, then honorable mentions are permissible.

The awards include:

1. "Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year in Texas" in each of five specializations: culture, management, education, research, and administration - recipient must be a member in good standing.
2. "Special Recognition in Fisheries Work" - recipient may or may not be a member; recipient may be an individual or an organization.
3. "Outstanding Presentation at the Annual Meeting" - decided based upon presentations at the upcoming annual meeting.

In making nominations, a rationale for the nomination should be included. Also, documentation should accompany the nomination. Nominations can only be made members in good standing. Remember - your nomination will only be as good as the information you provide, so be complete.

Send nominations "Special Recognition in Fisheries Work" to the Awards Committee Chairperson, Dave Terre (address below). Send nominations for "Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year" to the appropriate member of the Awards Committee. If you have any questions regarding nomination procedures call the Awards Committee Chairperson.

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