



# NEWSLETTER

## TEXAS CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY



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### Texas Chapter Annual Meeting 10/14/91

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Secretary-treasurer, Barbara Gregg certified that a quorum of the membership was present. Committee reports were requested by Gene McCarty, President.

Secretary-Treasurer - Barbara Gregg: \$4173.45 in checking (\$1000 of this amount from t-shirts); \$3265.20 in 2 Certificates of Deposit. Move to accept report by Clark Hubbs, second by Nick Parker

Nominating committee - Bobby Whiteside: The nominating committee recommends the following be considered by the membership for positions of Secretary-Treasurer (2-year post) and President-Elect. (Winners indicated by \*\*.)

#### SECRETARY/TREASURER

Pat Hutson\*\*

Clell Guest

William Seawell

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT

Victor Palma

Barbara Gregg\*\*

Publicity - Roy Kleinsasser: Although Roy was not present, his report indicated that news releases were provided to AFS (for Fisheries) and to Southern Division for new officers and award winners after last year's meeting. Information concerning the \$1,000 in scholarship funds provided by Wetlands Habitat Alliance of Texas for fisheries students was provided to outdoor writers around the state.

The Fisheries Workers Directory is in final stages of completion and should be ready to print by the end of the year.

Pond Management - Hal Schramm/Billy Higginbotham: Information indicating that the committee is continuing to add private pond owners to the database established several years ago was presented by Bobby Farquhar.

Editorial - Dick Luebke: Proceedings from last year's annual meeting have been completed and sent to Bob Kendall for approval and assignment of ISSN Number. Beginning with this issue, the proceedings will be considered an official publication of the AFS. Member copies will be mailed out soon. The TPWD Austin office will be used as semi-permanent mailing address for AFS purposes. Presenters are being encouraged to publish their papers in the proceedings, rather than only abstracts.

Exhibits - Bruce Hysmith: Special thanks to John Moczygamba and John Ballard who were committee members. Sent out 120 letters requesting donations and received a few items. Collections are less than usual because of the national meeting.

Issues - Victor Palma: Statements expressing the Chapter's position on issues associated with the Brazoria National Wildlife Preserve and the building of the Dangerfield Canal were written to the various authorities overseeing public comment on these two projects.

Newsletter - Pat Hutson: Four issues of the newsletter were printed this year. An additional accomplishment was to collect back issue for a bound copy of all newsletters.

Endowments - Gary Valentine: In Gary's absence, Dave Terre reported that there were a number of very well qualified students recommended for receipt of a Texas Chapter scholarship this year. With the funding received from WHAT, two \$500 scholarships will be awarded this year.

Awards - Dave Terre: The following awards were presented:

Best presentation of 1990 meeting  
Fisheries Administration  
Culture  
Fisheries Management  
Research  
Special Recognition in Fisheries

Joe Kraai  
Pat Hutson  
Jake Isaacs  
Mark Webb  
Ronnie Pitman  
Wetlands Habitat Alliance of Texas

The two \$500 scholarship were awarded to:

Jim Tolan                      Corpus Christi State University  
Michelle Badough              Southwest Texas State University

Membership - Loraine Fries: Membership for 1991 was 160. To date 105 members are registered for 1992.

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President Gene McCarty thanked all members for their participation and support of the annual AFS meeting in San Antonio. He indicated that AFS will be making a substantial contribution to the scholarship fund (between \$5,000 and \$10,000) because of the chapter's work in San Antonio. After the gavel was passed from Gene to incoming president Bill Provine, Gene was presented a past-president's plaque. Bill Provine indicated that his primary goal for next year will be the creation of a brochure describing how to develop an urban and children's fishing program.

New business:

Phil Durocher solicited input from this group concerning changes in the rules on grass carp in Texas. The Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board which contains three chapter members met and discussed this issue. The group is in agreement with TPWD staff

(many of whom are also chapter members) who want to recommend triploid grass carp for vegetation control in private water, except in areas that contain endangered and threatened species.

Dick Luebke moved that the Issues Committee of the chapter make a statement to Parks and Wildlife Commission regarding grass carp before the November commission meeting.

Motion accepted with one nay

In additional discussion, Clark Hubbs pointed out that action must be quick. More discussion indicated that a coastal person should be added to the issues committee. Volunteers were solicited to be on an ad hoc committee to draft letter to commission on grass carp. Committee appointed was Mark Webb, Earl Chilton, Bryan Murphy, Paul Hammerschmidt, Bruce Hysmith, Rick Ott, Clark Hubbs, Mac McCune.

Roger McCabe suggested a committee be appointed to develop an urban fishing brochure. Phil Durocher made the motion made that the chapter support the concept of developing an urban fishing brochure. (The president is already empowered to create the committee.) Unanimous yes vote. President can then appoint the working committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

ITEM: Bob Kendall called and said that the Texas Chapter Proceedings have been approved and the assignment of an ISSN number will arrive shortly. At that time, the Proceedings can be published.

ITEM: Please review the enclosed memo from Angelo Incerpi, Award of Excellence Committee, American Fisheries Society, and make any nominations as per his instructions. Texas has some excellent Fisheries workers and I feel they should be recognized.

**ITEM:** The 1991-92 Committee Chairs have been finalized. Please contact them if you wish to serve on their committee or feel you have some contributions to make.

- President Elect (1992 Program) - Dr. Barbara Gregg
- Membership - Veronica Pitman
- Nominating - Dr. Bobby Jean Whiteside
- Awards - Joe Warren
- Publicity - Bruce Hysmith
- Pond Management - Dr. Billy Higginbotham
- Editorial - Dr. Gary Garrett
- Exhibits - Charles Leigon
- Issues - Victor Palma
- Endowment - Allen Forshage
- Newsletter - Joan Glass
- Urban Fisheries (ad hoc) - Bobby Farquhar
- Grass Carp (ad hoc) - Dr. Clark Hubbs

**ITEM:** FOR NEWSLETTER MATERIALS:

Due to the December 18th deadline for nominations for the Award of Excellence this newsletter was completed and mailed early. We would like to have a quarterly format with any special issues when needed. The next issue will be in March. Please send any items of interest as soon as possible to:

Joan Glass      1601 E. Crest Dr.      Waco, Tx 76705  
817/799-2446      or      FAX 817/867-6839

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IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN TO PAY YOUR AFS, TEXAS CHAPTER DUES FOR 1992, YOU MAY USE THE APPLICATION FORM BELOW:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Membership: \$8.00  
Student Membership: \$5.00

Send your dues to: Pat Hutson  
P. O. Box 947, San Marcos, Tx 78667



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PAUL BROUHA  
Executive Director

October 28, 1991

Dear Chapter/Section President:

I have been asked by President Rich Gregory to serve on the 1990-91 Award of Excellence Committee of the American Fisheries Society (AFS).

In order to insure that the most worthy individuals are nominated for the award, we felt we should contact the current leaders within our Society. Each of you is, without a doubt, in the best position to know outstanding performers in the field of fisheries and aquatic biology. To complete this process in a timely manner, it is important to send in nominations without delay. Nominations of candidates for the award are to be based on contributions to the field of fisheries science. Please refer to the attached sheet from the AFS procedures manual for specific criteria.

By way of this letter, I am requesting that you contact your colleagues to obtain names of potential nominees. I would like you to provide me with a one-page resume (justification) on each person whose name you are submitting for consideration. Please feel free to submit more than one name. I will need these submissions no later than December 18, 1991. Send Nominations to:

Angelo Incerpi, Operations Director  
VT Fish & Wildlife Department  
103 South Main St., 10 South  
Waterbury, Vt. 05676

Looking forward to your assistance in nominating a worthy individual for the AFS's most prestigious award.

Respectfully yours,

Angelo Incerpi  
Award of Excellence Committee  
American Fisheries Society

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cc: Fred Meyer, Chairman

attachments

## THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

September 27, 1989

The American Fisheries Society initiated the Award of Excellence in 1969. A list of the recipients is to be found on the attached page.

**PURPOSE** of the Award is to recognize outstanding scientists in the field of fisheries and aquatic biology.

**NATURE** of the Award - a bronze medal with appropriate design and inscription, a certificate in a walnut plaque, and travel and related expenses up to \$1,000 for the recipient to attend the meeting to receive the award.

**CRITERIA** for selection of the Award:

1. A monumental work
2. Original techniques or research methodology
3. New, fresh ideas, viewpoints, or data which contribute remarkably to conservation management, or basic understanding of aquatic resources
4. A new, successfully executed fishery research or management program of national or international importance
5. Imaginative and successful programs in fish conservation education at any level of teaching, or graduate student guidance
6. Important faunal or ecological discoveries or new taxonomic criteria
7. Research especially beneficial to mankind
8. Interdisciplinary research involving leadership in team efforts in laboratory or field
9. Multiple, successful efforts in a variety of fields, such as biology, public understanding, technical and popular writing, laboratory and field research, inspirational leadership, and/or enunciation of principles

### SPECIFICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

1. An award recipient must be living at time of selection
2. The award will not necessarily be made annually, but will be made only in such years there is substantial or unanimous agreement among members of the Award Committee that an award is justified.

RECIPIENTS OF THE AFS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

William E. Ricker	1969
Stanislas F. Snieszko	1970
F. E. J. Fry	1971
Ralph O. Hile	1972
Carl L. Hubbs	1973
Clarence M. Tarzwell	1974
Robert Rush Miller	1975
Alfred W. H. Needler	1976
Arthur D. Hasler	1977
Peter Doudoroff	1978
Kenneth D. Carlander	1979
Reeve M. Bailey	1980
Gunnar Svardson	1981
Douglas G. Chapman	1982
Peter A. Larkin	1983
J. L. McHugh	1984
Lauren R. Donaldson	1985
William B. Scott	1986
David H. Cushing	1987
Clark Hubbs	1988
John Cairns, Jr.	1989
John Gulland	1990
Kenneth E. Wolf	1991