



The Newsletter of
the Texas Chapter of
the American Fisheries Society



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THANKS TO THE CHAPTER

by Kathy Ramos

The A. E. Wood State Fish Hatchery, San Marcos, would like to thank the Texas Chapter of the AFS for their sponsorship of the 1st Annual National Fishing Week Small Fry Photo Contest. The chapter's donation (\$25) went towards the purchase of the first prize award and ribbons for the winners. Additional prizes were donated by Color Quick One Hour Photo and by Walmart. The contest theme was "Get Hooked on Fishing." Amateur photographers were asked to submit their favorite pictures of children fishing. Texas Parks and Wildlife photographer Bill Reaves served as judge. First prize was awarded to Frank Sierra of San Marcos, 2nd prize went to Elizabeth Rodriguez of Austin, and 3rd prize went to Gloria Ibarra of Atascosa. Winning photos were displayed in the hatchery lobby during National Fishing Week. ←

THANKS FROM THE TBBU

The Dallas Chapter of the Texas Black Bass Unlimited thanked our chapter, in a letter dated 14 June 1993, for our contribution (\$25) and participation in their 5th annual youth program "Get Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs" held 5 June 1993 on White Rock Lake in Dallas.

The program was a huge success. Every youth that attended received a rod and reel, a sponsor-listed T-shirt, and a goody bag that included literature and fishing tackle items. More than 500 rods, reels, and T-shirts were handed out. Over 1300 hot dogs and chips and 1700 drinks were consumed.

Many very appreciative youths were made more aware of the need to say "NO" to drugs and at the same time were involved with professional organizations that care about our youth. ←

REQUEST FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The Awards Committee requests written nominations for individuals to receive awards at the 1993 chapter meeting. Nominate someone who deserves an award for their outstanding fisheries-related work. The Awards Committee will make selections based on information in the nomination letters. Honorable mentions may be awarded if more than one nominee in a category is considered outstanding. The deadline for receiving nominations is 3 September 1993.

The awards include:

- “**Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year in Texas**” in each of these five areas: Administration, Culture, Management, Research, and Education. The recipient must be a member in good standing.
- “**Special Recognition in Fisheries Work**”. The recipient may or may not be a member; recipient may be an individual or an organization.
- “**Outstanding Presentation at the Annual Meeting**”. This award is based upon presentations at the upcoming annual meeting. Last year's winner has already been decided.

Nomination letters must tell why the recommended individual should receive the award (be complete). Nominations can be made only by members in good standing.

Send written nominations to:

Joe Warren
TPWD, Route 1
Electra, Texas 76360
817-568-0105

Ken Kurzawski
4200 Smith School Rd.
Austin, Texas 78744
512-389-4591

If you have any questions regarding nomination procedures call one of the above Awards Committee Chairpersons. ←



EXCOM MEETING

by Pat L. Hutson

The executive committee met in Austin at 1:00 PM on 29 June 1993. Attendees were Barbara Gregg, Bobby Farquhar, Loraine Fries, Joe N. Fries, Ken Kurzawski, Robert Vega, Bill Provine, and Pat Hutson.

Committee Reports

Membership: Pat Hutson indicated that the chapter gained about 20 new members.

Nominating: Nominations are needed for president-elect and secretary-treasurer.

Publicity/Exhibits (Robert Vega): The chapter will set up an information booth at the "Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo 93" on 1-3 October 1993. The cost will be \$250. Robert Vega and Bobby Farquhar will be coordinating this effort. Volunteers will be needed to attend the booth from 4 PM to 8 PM on Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, and 10 AM to 5 PM on Sunday. Thank you letters were received from Texas Black Bass Unlimited and the A. E. Wood State Fish Hatchery for the \$25 donations provided by the chapter. Several contacts have been made for sponsors and exhibitors at the annual meeting. We still need information on the amount of space available for exhibitors.

Pond Management: no report.

Issues: Bobby Whiteside will be handling issues. Two items were submitted for his review.

Endowments: no report

Urban Fishing (Bobby Farquhar): The first draft of Urban Fish Guide is prepared.

Newsletter (Joe N. Fries): The first newsletter for the year was sent out in May. The deadline for information for the July newsletter is 5 July 1993. No entries were received for the logo contest.

Program (Loraine Fries): The annual meeting will be held at UTMSI at Port Aransas on 16-17 September 1993. The special symposium will be on the pros and cons of stocking hatchery-reared fishes, a subject that currently is creating quite a bit of heat in the fisheries community. Speakers for both sides are being contacted. A pavilion will be rented in Port Aransas for the social at an expected cost of \$50. Lunch will be served at the cafeteria on Thursday.

Awards (Ken Kurzawski): One award nomination has been received. Information for nominations will again be in the July Newsletter.

Editorial: no report.

Secretary-Treasurer Report (Pat Hutson)

To date, the chapter has \$4,624.05 in checking and

\$17,445.78 in a Money Market Account. Postage and printing cost of the newsletter was \$144.45.

New Business

A motion was made by Loraine Fries and seconded by Bobby Farquhar for the chapter to purchase a display for use in displaying chapter activities. A \$1,000 maximum cost was approved. Robert Vega will check on purchasing the display. The motion was passed.

Barbara Gregg will be checking on purchasing Koozies for the chapter to sell. Art work will be needed (picture of fish or a fishing activity) to put on the Koozies. Bill Provine will be coordinating the art work.

Bobby Farquhar volunteered to donate his book "Set the Hook: Guide to Lone Star Lakes and Lunkers" to the chapter to sell at the Expo. The book will be sold for about \$10. Proceeds would go to the chapter. Thanks were given to Bobby for his generosity.

Bobby Farquhar inventoried the chapter t-shirts and has 189 shirts on hand. A new order will not be made at this time.

A motion was made by Pat Hutson and seconded by Loraine Fries for the chapter to present an additional \$500 scholarship this year. This will bring the total to three scholarships awarded each year. The money for the scholarship will come from the interest received for the Money Market Account. The motion was passed.

Barbara Gregg will be checking with the membership committee about printing membership brochures. The chapter previously approved up to \$200 for printing new brochures.

Barbara Gregg will be checking with the committee to review scholarship nominations.

Pat Hutson will be checking on the possibility of sending membership applications to the Texas Aquaculture Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM. ←

AFS ADVOCACY?

Chapter members who also are members of the parent organization (AFS) have a chance to voice their opinions on the freedom of the AFS to advocate various positions. Recently, the AFS sent out details to active members on the proposed amendment regarding this issue. Both sides of the advocacy amendment were presented: all we need to do is read, think, decide, and then hurry up and VOTE (proxy vote must be sent to AFS by 2 August 1993). ←

CRITICAL ISSUES NEED A VOICE

Our chapter was alerted by the parent society (AFS) to two legislative issues which affect fisheries-related activities:

- (1) availability of approved aquaculture drugs and
- (2) reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

We, the grassroots, need to let members of Congress know how we feel about these critical issues which can directly affect us and the resources we are responsible for. So contact your congressional persons and give them a reason to bring your views and expectations to Washington where appropriations are made. ←

SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM: USES AND EFFECTS OF CULTURED FISHES IN AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS -FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS-

This symposium, supported by various AFS Sections and others, will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on 12-17 March 1994. The roles of hatcheries and genetics in fisheries management will be examined. Papers will be published in a special AFS publication.

Experience papers and poster presentations on uses and effects of cultured fishes are encouraged. Objective data and solutions to problems are requested. The goal of the symposium is to define existing appropriate uses and to suggest future improvements in cultured animals, especially the genetics aspects, to make them better tools for management purposes.

Abstracts are due by 15 December 1993 and manuscripts are due by 12 March 1994. Send abstracts to the Program Chairmen:

Gary Carmichael or Vince Mudrak
213 Bryn Mawr Drive, SE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

Meeting details can be obtained from the Symposium Chairman:

Delano Graff
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Fish Commission
Bureau of Fisheries
450 Robinson Lane
Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823-9616
814-359-5154 FAX: 5153 ←

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS/ PRESENTATIONS

by Gary Garrett

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

Gary Garrett
TPWD-HOH Research Station
HC 7, Box 62
Ingram, Texas 78025

Twenty minutes will be allotted for each presentation (15 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions).

All abstracts will be published in the **Proceedings of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Volume 16**. Those wishing to publish their work in the **Proceedings** are encouraged to submit manuscripts as well. A deadline for manuscript submittal will be announced at the meeting and appropriate papers will be peer-reviewed and edited for publication.

The format for abstracts and manuscripts should follow the **Transactions of the American Fisheries Society**. ←

REVISED NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

Regular newsletters will be published four times a year in January, April, July, and October. Deadlines for input from the membership at large will be the fourth Friday of the month preceding the publication month (see below). Special edition newsletters may be published, if necessary, at any time. ←

JAN PUBLISH	APR PUBLISH	JUL PUBLISH	OCT PUBLISH
FEB	MAY	AUG	NOV
MAR	JUN	SEP Annual Meeting	DEC

**THE ANNUAL MEETING
16 -17 SEPTEMBER 1993
PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS**

by *Lorraine Fries*

The annual meeting is really shaping up. Gary Garrett has lined up speakers for the special symposium "Fish Stockings - Pros and Cons", Robert Vega has been busy soliciting donations/exhibitors, and Phil Durocher has agreed to boil the shrimp. Of course, the ultimate success of the meeting will be determined by you, the membership. Please plan on attending and participating in this year's meeting.

Registration will begin at 9 AM on Thursday, 16 September, and run until one hour before the beginning of the technical session, which should begin in the early afternoon. The evening will present us with the social, dinner, and auction (don't forget to bring your arts and crafts to registration for the auction). The business meeting will be held on Friday, 17 September, followed by an exciting special symposium with invited speakers. The technical session, business meeting, and symposium will be held at the UT Marine Science Institute (UTMSI). In the interest of saving time to support what we hope to be a strong technical session, we have arranged to have Thursday's lunch served at the UTMSI cafeteria. The social will be held at Robert's Point Pavillion near the ferry crossing and city marina.

Dormitory space is available for a nominal charge at UTMSI. The Executive Keys Condominiums are available at a 10% discount if more than 50 members

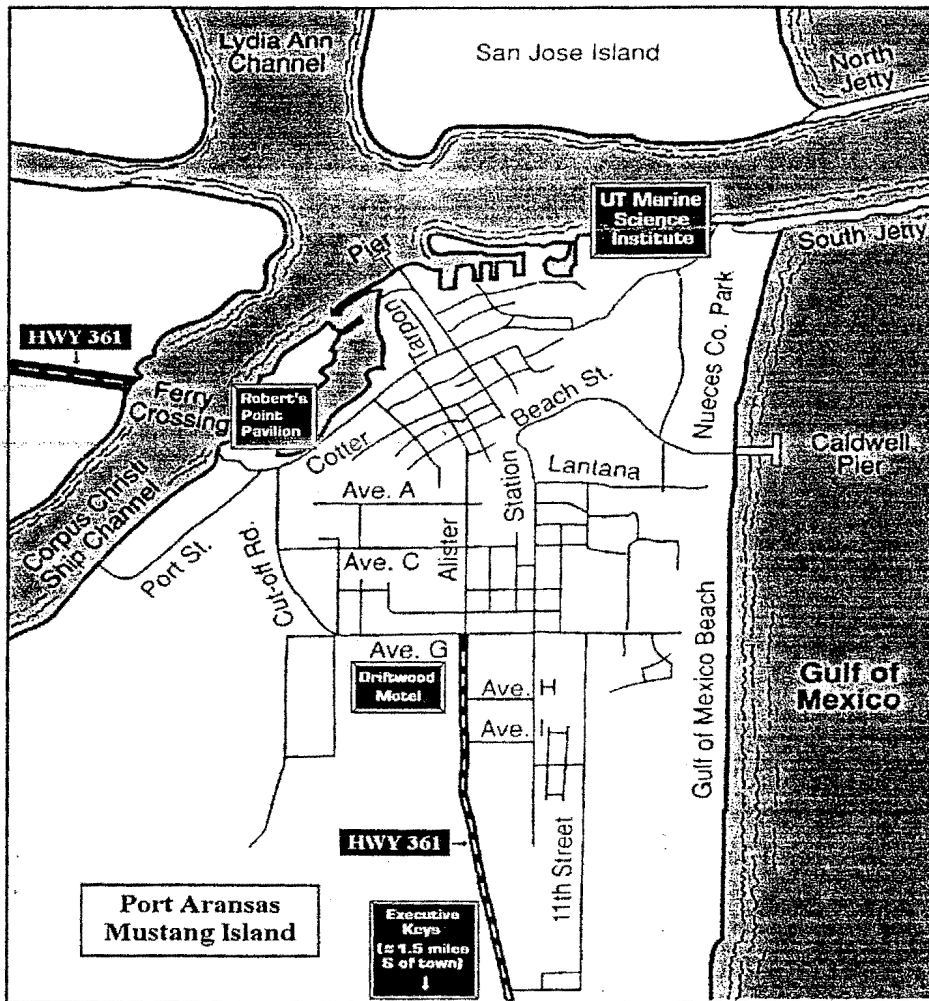
stay there. A two night minimum stay is required and you must mention your affiliation with the chapter. Rates are: efficiency - \$46-\$51 (2-3 people); two bedroom - \$76-\$86 (4-6 people); three bedroom - \$99-\$119 (6-8 people); and townhouse - \$128-\$138 (8-10 people). Reservations should be made before 1 August 1993 by calling 1-800-248-1095. Reasonable accommodations also are available at the Driftwood Motel (512-749-6427).

Come early, stay late, and bring a friend to Port Aransas. See you there. ←

1993 SPECIAL SYMPOSIUM

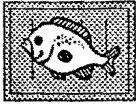
by *Gary Garrett*

This year's annual meeting will include a symposium with invited speakers to discuss the **HOT** topic of stocking of cultured fishes. We have asked speakers with varied perspectives to give a balanced view on this often controversial subject. Benefits, mistakes, future gains, impending problems, and, hopefully, potential solutions will be discussed. Gary Carmichael (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Brian Murphy (Texas A&M University), Phil Pister (Desert Fishes Council), Roger McCabe (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department), and Alan Allen (Sportsmen Club of Texas) have given verbal commitments to participate in the symposium. David Phillip (Illinois Natural History Survey) also will be invited. With the enthusiastic help of the speakers, the 1993 annual meeting may be one of the liveliest ever! ←



PLANK YOUR FISH!

Fish suitable for either baking or broiling may be planked. One advantage of this method of preparation is that the cooked fish may be placed on the table without being transferred to a platter. The plank, fashioned from a piece of well-seasoned oak, hickory, or ash about 1½ inches thick, should be grooved around the edge and have several other grooves cut into the surface to hold the juices from the fish or the basting liquor. Housefurnishing stores can usually supply suitable planks.



Put the plank into a cold oven and preheat it with the oven. Remove the plank and oil thoroughly; then place the fish on it, and proceed as directed for baking or broiling.

This cooking method was taken from "How to Cook Fish", Fishery Leaflet 106, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, January 1945. 🐟

55th MIDWEST FISH & WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on 11-15 December 1993 at the Regal Riverfront Hotel (800-325-7353). The theme will be "New Agendas in Fish and Wildlife Management: Approaching the Next Millennium." For more information contact:

Wayne Porath
Missouri Dept of Conservation
1110 S. College Avenue
Columbia, Missouri 65201
314-882-9880

This annual conference provides an opportunity for natural resource professionals from throughout the central United States and Canada to gather and communicate research findings, success stories, and new management strategies. You can join others to exchange ideas and discuss the role of natural resource management in an ever changing society. 🐟

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

A total of zero artwork submissions for the Texas Chapter logo contest were received by 7 July 1993 so the judges had an easy time of it. Oh wail... 🐟

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT..... Barbara Gregg
PRESIDENT-ELECT..... Loraine T. Fries
PAST-PRESIDENT..... Bill Provine
SECRETARY-TREASURER..... Pat L. Hutson

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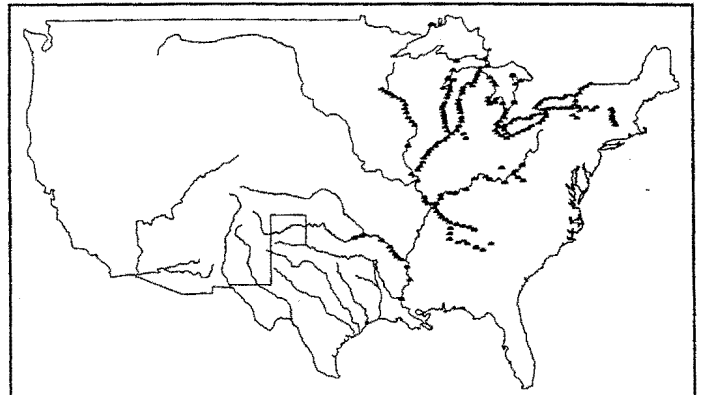
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THEY'RE ALMOST HERE!

Zebra mussels are getting closer every day to invading Texas. The map below (modified from a map from the National Fisheries Research Center, Gainesville, Florida) shows the prolific pest's distribution as of March 1993. More recently, according to the May issue of the Water Farming Journal, these marauding mollusks have made their way to New Orleans, Louisiana. When they get here they may cause problems with some hatchery water intake systems, they might alter established food webs, and they might cause a bit of havoc for fisheries in general. 🐟



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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL
TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

for the period: 1992 Annual Meeting - 1993 Annual Meeting

Name _____

Address: _____

Primary Field of Interest _____

Affiliation _____

Check the two that apply:

Regular Membership (\$8)

Student Membership (\$5)

AFS Member

Non_AFS Member

Send dues to:

Pat L. Hutson

P.O. Box 947

San Marcos, Texas 78667-0947

If you have an interest in serving on a committee, check one (or more) of the following:

Awards

Issues

Pond Management

Grass Carp

Editorial

Membership

Publicity/Exhibits

Procedures Manual

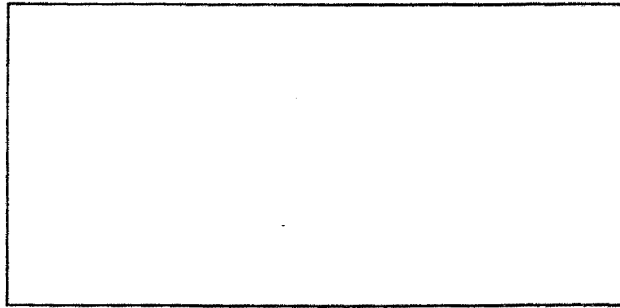
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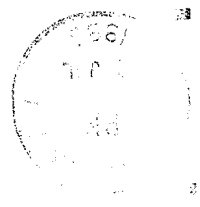
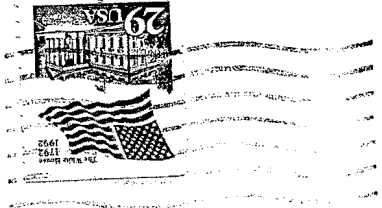
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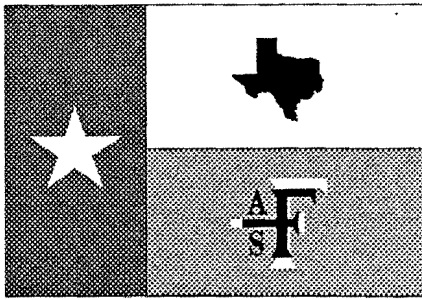




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