

The Newsletter of
the Texas Chapter of
the American Fisheries Society



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ANOTHER NEW LOOK (cf. Vol 64)

We had a winner! The chapter received two late entries for the Logo contest which was announced several newsletters ago. The vote was made by the excom: the winning logo sits above and to the left (it also showed up, rather poorly, on our chapter koozies). The Guadalupe bass is our State fish and is shown approximately centered over our State capital. This logo replaces our old logo which essentially was the old AFS logo placed on top of Texas (which, by the way, was equivalent to the OK chapter's logo, except for the choice of state outlines).

GET ON-LINE WITH A BBS

by Charles Munger

Many of you now have modems for your computers but are wondering what to do with them. Well, you might be interested in trying out some electronic bulletin boards. An electronic bulletin board service (BBS) essentially works just like a regular bulletin board except you are using it long distance through your computer.



A BBS will have areas where you can leave messages, upload or download files, or conference with another caller. Through a BBS you can get access to professionals from all over the country and possibly find answers to common problems. The thing about all BBS's is that they require users to make them useful. The more users a BBS has the more potential it has.

Two BBS's that deal with fish and fishing are the American Fisheries Society BBS in Ann Arbor, MI, and the Outdoor Bulletin Board in Austin operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. All boards follow the same pattern for logging on the system. Everyone will be prompted for their name and

password. If you are a new user, you will have the opportunity to enter some information about yourself and your computer. Operation of computer bulletin boards is menu driven and very simple. Just dial the number and let the board do the work.

The AFS board is operated by Tony Frank and can be accessed by dialing 313-996-1456. You will need to set your communications program to 2400 baud N-8-1. Besides the main board, this BBS has subboards for the Computer Users Section, Fish Management Section, the Walleye Technical Committee, Food, and Jobs. You will be able to access programs and files from other departments and can download files from the Computer Users Section library.

The Outdoor Bulletin Board is co-sponsored by the TPWD and the Texas Outdoor Writer Association. Its operator is Paul Hope. The board can be accessed by dialing 512-389-4430 or 512-389-4431. This board can handle up to 9600 baud and requires the settings N-8-1. This BBS contains all the news releases and fishing reports, informative files, commission meeting minutes, and conference centers.

As I said above, a bulletin board is really no good unless people use it, so crank those hard drives, boot that software, and get on line.

MINUTES FROM THE 1993 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TEXAS CHAPTER UTMSI, PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS

by Pat L. Hutson

The annual meeting of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was called to order by president Barbara Gregg at 8:30 AM on 17 September 1993. Secretary-treasurer, Pat Hutson, certified that a quorum of the membership was present. Past presidents Bobby Whiteside, Bobby Farquhar, Dick Luebke,

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

and Brian Murphy were recognized. A motion was made by Clark Hubbs and seconded by Ralph Manns to accept the published minutes of the 1992 meeting (Newsletter, Volume 64). Committee reports were requested by Barbara Gregg.

Secretary-Treasurer - Pat Hutson: The accounting books were audited by Kathy Ramos on 3 September 1993 and found to be in order. At the time of the meeting the chapter had \$4,627.57 in checking and \$17,559.55 in the Money Market Account for total assets of \$22,187.12. Major expenditures for the year were \$1,026.18 for printing the Proceedings (2 years), \$198.11 for purchasing the koozies, \$554.75 for newsletter and Proceedings postage, \$250 for the booth at the Texas Wildlife Expo, and \$973 for the chapter display. Major income for the year was from the annual meeting in Kerrville (membership, \$967; sale of T-Shirts, \$125; raffle and auction, \$880; donations, \$130). The raffle at the Southeastern meeting and T-shirt sales produced \$1,248.66. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts over the last 2 years and good luck to the new Secretary-Treasurer.

Nominating Committee - Bobby Whiteside: The nominating committee recommended the following be considered by the membership for the positions of President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer:

President-Elect

1. Pat Hutson (elected)
2. Robert Vega

Secretary-Treasurer

1. Bob Edwards
2. Kathy Ramos (elected)

Publicity/Exhibits - Robert Vega: Todd Engeling reported that donations of \$1,160 were received from 17 contributors.

Pond Management and Grass Carp - Billy Higginbotham: Two publications were developed with the help of Hal Schramm. Fifty to seventy-five land owners were contacted regarding the monitoring of stocking of triploid grass carp. A standardized database was established. This was a cooperative effort by extension offices, the Soil Conservation Service, and private and state agencies.

Editorial - Gary Garrett: no report.

Issues - Bobby Whiteside: Three letters were drafted regarding the following issues:

- 1) the Clean Water Act
- 2) the use of aquacultural chemicals
- 3) the interstate use of large rivers.

Newsletter - Joe N. Fries: There was a total of 742 mailings of newsletters this year. Over 4,000 pages of material were distributed.

Endowments - Barry Lyons/Allen Forshage:

Three \$500 Scholarships were awarded to:

1. Brian Blackwell: from Texas A&M.
2. Nancy McFarlen: from Texas A&M.
3. Erica Schlickeisen: from SWTSU.

Awards - Joe Warren: The following awards were presented:

Best Presentation of 1992 meeting: Maurice Muoneke

Fisheries Management: Bruce Hysmith

Special Recognition: Joe Martin

Special Recognition: Steve Gutreuter

All other categories: no nominations

Membership - Ronnie Pitman: The chapter had 157 members for the 1992-1993 year. There were 140 members registered at the 1993 meeting. There were five exhibitors. The social, dinner, and auction attracted 125 paying members and several guests.

Procedures Manual - Joan Holt: Development of a manual to define chapter activity guidelines and procedures is underway. A committee will continue to work on this process.

A move was made to accept all reports by Ronnie Pitman and was seconded by Ralph Manns.

President Barbara Gregg thanked all members and committees for their hard work. The gavel was passed from president Barbara Gregg to incoming president Loraine Fries. Barbara was presented a past-president's plaque.

Loraine thanked everyone for their help in making the annual meeting successful. She mentioned that the technical session was exceptional and very professional. Loraine indicated that her primary goals were to have a great meeting, select a good location, and have an outstanding panel. All of these were accomplished.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

On-going work will be to complete the procedures manual and create better representation of the chapter.

New Business: Loraine asked for new business. She set 11 October 1993 as the first Excom meeting.

A motion was made by Bob Edwards and seconded by Clark Hubbs to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM. ➡

Some electric fishes swim and feed in schools. If many are feeding, a type of "jamming" occasionally becomes a problem so some of the fish change their pulse frequency by as little as 20HZ to avoid interference.



1993 ANNUAL MEETING FINANCIAL REPORT

by Pat L. Hutson

Item	Number	Unit (\$)	Total (\$)
Regular membership	127	8	1016
Student membership	13	5	65
Symposium expenses	.	.	-1013
Bass shirt sales	14	10	140
Cap sales	3	5	15
Koozie sales	11	3	33
Auction	.	.	1491
Raffle tickets	.	.	603
Social tickets	125	7	875
Social expenses	.	.	-845
Pavilion	.	.	-70
Lunch tickets	41	5	205
Lunch expenses	.	.	-205
Coffee	.	.	-45
Donations/Exhibitors	.	.	1160
TOTAL INCOME			3425

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Loraine T. Fries

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) announces a quarterly newsletter, PEERreview. PEER was formed at a 1992 "Protecting Integrity and Ethics" (PIE) conference when participants expressed a need for an organization that could support them in their pursuit of ethics and integrity in state and federal land management and environmental agencies. For additional information, write to PEER at:

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility
810 First Street, NE, Suite 680
Washington, DC 20002
TEL 202-408-0041 FAX 202-842-4716 ➡

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW REQUESTED

A draft of the TCAFS-sponsored "Guide to Urban Fishing Programs" has been finished. If you would like to review the document and add editorial comments please contact either:

Bobby Farquhar
6200 Hatchery Road
Ft. Worth, TX 76114

Charles Munger
P.O. Box 835
Canyon, TX 79015

Your help would be appreciated. ➡

IF YOU MISSED THE MEETING...

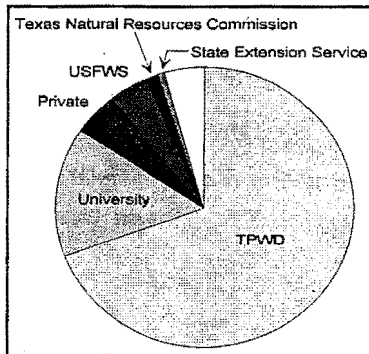
The 1993 meeting of the TCAFS was a definite success: we had numerous and informative presentations at the technical session; an exciting and economically productive social; and a lively, thought-provoking panel discussion by a group of renowned professionals. However, you may be one of the few that missed the meeting but really wanted to go or you may be one who simply wishes to relive history. If so, a VHS copy (two tapes) of the entire panel discussion will be available soon. To get a copy of the tapes, contact:

Gary Garrett
HCR-7, Box 62
Ingram, TX 78025

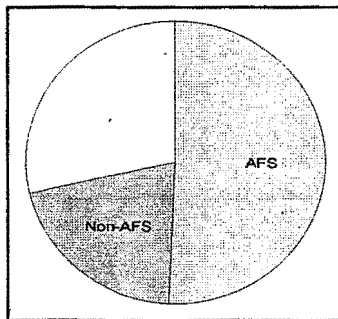
(Subject: Fish Stockings - Pros and Cons) ➡

WHO ARE WE?

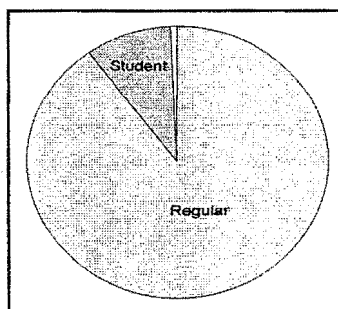
The Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is composed of individual members with varied interests and talents. Anyone who has been to an annual meeting has seen this. What few have seen is an overall view of the chapter membership. Well, with the help of the membership committee, we have a chance to look at ourselves as pies. In this first pie, it is clear that personnel from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) make up a majority (69%) of the 1993-1994 membership (as of 3 October 1993 we have 140 members). However, a rather substantial piece (about 27%) of the membership pie is composed of non-TPWD personnel, including private, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and other state personnel. Thus, at the taxonomic level of "affiliation", we have reasonable biodiversity. We do, however, have several members who do not wish to reveal their taxon (the blank area in the pie).



This second pie shows that about half (51%) of the membership has chosen also to become members of the parent society (the AFS). A bit less than one quarter (21%) are not members of the AFS. All the rest (28%, blank area in pie) either do not know or do not wish to divulge this information. It also is possible that this part of the membership form was overlooked.



This last pie illustrates that about one tenth of the membership is composed of students. Note the very small portion of the membership that remains unknown (blank area in pie).



Mystery of the Pies - If the dependent variable is "filled-in blanks on the membership form" what is the independent variable?

Hint:



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Loraine T. Fries

I thought everything would be downhill after the annual meeting, but I have found myself to be quite busy with Chapter business. Although it was not something I had ever expected to do, I am happy to have the opportunity to serve the Chapter, as president and hopefully will make a positive difference in our operations.

My goals for the Chapter include increasing participation by the membership. One way to accomplish this is through committee appointments and I have attempted to achieve balance and diversity in the committee chair appointments. I hope no one feels left out but if you want to serve on a committee and have not yet asked to, please contact me or the committee chair (see the committee information box on page 7). The Chapter wants and needs your help.

Another goal is to make progress on the "Procedures Manual". Please fill out the survey (page 6), if you have not already done so, and return it to Joan Holt before the deadline. The Chapter cannot represent or serve you if you do not make your ideas known.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I would like to again thank **everyone** who made the annual meeting a success, especially the presenters. What would an annual meeting be without the technical session or panel discussion? Look for a write-up of our meeting in an upcoming edition of **Fisheries**.

GOOD THINGS TAKE TIME

We auctioned off some fine member-made items during the 1993 social. If you are artistically inclined, and you don't mind working for free, you might consider beginning to plan for the 1994 "Built-in-Texas" (BIT) portion of the annual meeting auction. Start a project or talk someone else into making an item for next year's meeting.

EXCOM MEETING

by Kathy Ramos

The executive committee met in San Marcos on 18 October 1993 at 1:00 PM. Members in attendance

EXCOM MEETING (continued)

were Loraine Fries, Pat Hutson, Kathy Ramos, Beverly Villarreal, Camilo Chavez, Mark Webb, Bobby Whiteside, Bill Seawell, Joe Fries, Earl Chilton, and Gary Garrett.

The committee heard a presentation by Steve Magnolia of Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries regarding the possibility of the Chapter sponsoring a Bass Tournament Weigh-In Kit. The cost would be \$300.00. After some discussion the committee voted to sponsor one kit.

Committee Reports

Awards - John Moczygamba is the new chair. The committee discussed ways to better define the selection criteria and procedures for awards. This information will be incorporated into the new procedures manual.

Editorial - Brian Blackwell of Texas A&M will be the new chair. Gary Garrett reported that 78 copies of the proceedings were handed out at this year's meeting. Two manuscripts have been received so far. Video tapes of the panel discussion will be made available to members.

Endowments - Barry Lyons is the chair.

Issues - Earl Chilton II is the new chair. Bobby Whiteside reported that letters had been written on three different issues this past year.

Membership - Ronnie Pittman will continue as chairperson for another term. To date there are 140 paid members.

Newsletter - Joe Fries will continue as newsletter editor. Several members signed up to become involved with the newsletter and have been asked to be "reporters." Any articles from the general membership may be accepted as well.

Nominating - Bobby Whiteside will remain chairperson. The committee is interested in diversifying the pool of nominees for elected offices.

Pond Management - Bill Seawell is the new chair. He welcomes input from members who have been involved in the past.

Publicity/Exhibits - Camilo Chavez and Mark Stacell will share the chairperson's responsibilities. Mark is working with the parent society to publicize their activities. Camilo worked closely with Robert Vega on securing donations for this year's meeting. He feels that some important contacts were made and is already planning for next year.

Grass Carp - Mark Webb is the new chair. The committee was renamed "Exotic Species" in order to

expand the role of the committee. The committee will serve a data gathering role and supply information to the Issues committee.

Procedures - Joan Holt will continue as chairperson.

Urban Fishing - Charlie Munger will be the new chair. The committee is completing a "Guide to Urban Fishing Report Programs" which will be available to members for review.

Student Outreach - Beverly Villarreal will be the chairperson of this newly created committee. The goals of this committee are to improve the chapter's visibility on university campuses, encourage student attendance at meetings, and offer opportunities for students to network with potential employers. The possibility of offering some type of graduate research assistance was discussed as well.

Treasurer's Report - Income for the annual meeting in Port Aransas was \$3,425.00. This year's auction was the most successful, generating \$1,491.00. The checking account balance is currently \$5,492.39 and we have \$17,595.63 in our Money Market account. The committee decided to move \$2,000 from checking into the Money Market account. Kathy Ramos will investigate the possibility of investing a portion of the Money Market funds in a Mutual Fund in order to increase our potential to offer significant scholarships.

Old Business

The Pond Management Committee will try to resolve the controversy over the responsibility for printing of the booklet "Stocking and Management Recommendations for Texas Farm Ponds".

Loraine Fries will work with the membership committee to revive the Membership Directory and revitalize the membership brochure.

New Business

Program - Pat Hutson reported that the site for the next annual meeting may be Lago Vista Resort at Lake Travis. The resort offers lake access, fishing, golf, and other activities. The tentative dates are 15-16 September 1994. Input on topics for the panel discussion is welcomed.

Pat Hutson will check into securing a booth for the chapter at the upcoming Texas Aquaculture Association meeting at Lake Conroe.

The next EXCOM meeting will be held in late January. ❖

The volume of water stored as groundwater is about sixty-six times as much as that stored in freshwater lakes.

The Texas Chapter of the AFS Questionnaire

We are trying to get input from members about the mission, role, and function of the Texas Chapter in preparation for the development of a procedures manual. While there are examples of these manuals from around the country, we need to customize our procedures to serve members' needs. We are considering four general areas to be developed for the Chapter Mission Statement: 1) Professionalism, 2) Science, 3) Conservation, and 4) Education and Public Relations.

What do you see as the primary mission of the Texas Chapter of the AFS?

Is the Chapter fulfilling that mission now? YES NO

If NO - what will it take to make fulfilling the mission possible?

Should the Chapter try to broaden its appeal within the Fisheries professional community? YES NO

If YES - how can the Chapter accomplish that?

Should the Chapter take a larger advocacy role in:

Fisheries issues? YES NO

Environmental issues (e.g., fish kills, mitigation)? YES NO

Water quality? YES NO

Conservation? YES NO

Would you be willing to take an active role (work) in Chapter activities if you received little or no support from your agency/job? YES NO

Which portion of the Annual Meeting do you enjoy most?

Technical Session Panel Social Business

Which portion of the Annual Meeting do you benefit most from?

Technical Session Panel Social Business

How can the Chapter serve you better?

How long have you been a member of the TCAFS? less than 1 year 1 to 5 years more than 5 years

Please send the completed form to:
(deadline - 10 November 1993)

Joan Holt
The University of Texas at Austin, Marine Science Institute
Port Aransas, Texas 78373-1267

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL
TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
for the Membership Period: September 1993 - August 1994**

(benefits: 1993 Annual Meeting Registration, 4 Newsletters and participation during membership period, 1993 Annual Proceedings)

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: Kathy T. Ramos
P. O. Box 947
San Marcos, Texas 78667

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards | <input type="checkbox"/> Editorial | <input type="checkbox"/> Endowments |
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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PRESIDENT-ELECT..... Pat L. Hutson
PAST-PRESIDENT..... Barbara A. Gregg
SECRETARY-TREASURER..... Kathy Ramos

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EDITORIAL..... Brian Blackwell
ENDOWMENTS..... Barry Lyons
ISSUES..... Earl Chilton II
MEMBERSHIP..... Ronnie Pitman
NOMINATING..... Bobby Whiteside
POND MANAGEMENT..... Bill Seawell
PUBLICITY/EXHIBITS..... Mark Stacell/Camiilo Chavez

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PROCEDURES MANUAL..... Joan Holt
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STUDENT OUTREACH..... Beverly Villarreal

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RESEARCH IDEA REQUEST

Research usually begets research ideas, quests usually spawn questions. If you have a fisheries-related idea you would like examined but don't have time to examine it yourself, someone else might. Send your research ideas to:

Bobby Gene Whiteside
SWTSU Aquatic Station
San Marcos, TX 78666

BE A PROSPECTOR

To cash in on the goldmine of even more perspectives than we already have we need more members. Along this vein, dig around and send in the names and addresses of prospective TCAFS members to:

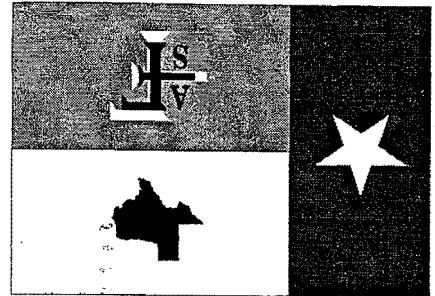
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