

**2012 Marine Fisheries Section (MFS) Business Meeting Notes
August 19, 2012**

Note taker: Lee Benaka (for Deb Lambert, Secretary/Treasurer)

In attendance:

- Ben Walther, UT Austin, MFS & ES
- Churchill Grimes, NMFS retired, MFS & ES
- John Boreman, NC State, MFS & ES
- Geoff Smith, U of Florida, MFS & ES
- Debra Murie, U of Florida, MFS & ES
- Ron Essig, USFWS Northeast, MFS
- Jeffrey Dobbs, East Carolina University, MFS & ES
- Chris Boatright, U of Washington
- H. Ward Slacum, Versar, Inc.
- Tom Idhe, NMFS, MFS & ES
- Gus Engman, NCSU, ES
- Jim Vasslides, BBP/Rutgers University, ES
- Julie Claussen, U of Illinois, MFS
- Karl Brookins, NPS, Ocean and Coastal Branch, MFS & ES
- Tony Spitzack, WSUV, MFS
- Mark Pedersen, Margenex International, WA-BA Chapter AFS, MFS
- Steve Jordan, EPA/ORD/NHEERL, Gulf Breeze, FL, MSA & ES
- Carolyn Griswold, NOAA/NMFS, RI, MFS & ES
- Doug Vaughan, NOAA/NMFS Ret-Beaufort, NC, MFS
- Kenneth Beal, NMFS Ret-Gloucester, MA, MFS & ES
- Konstantine Rountos, SUNY Stony Brook, NY, MFS
- Iris Kemp, U. of Washington, MFS & ES
- Michelle Walsh, U. of New Hampshire, MFS & ES
- Norman Quinn, Gov't of Virgin Islands – retired, MFS & ES
- Barbara Kojis, Gov't of Virgin Islands – retired, MFS & ES
- Simeon Yurek, U. of Miami, MFS & ES

President Ken Beal called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

President Beal distributed copies of the MFS budget (appendix A).

President Beal presented a MFS Student Travel Award to Konstantine Rountos (SUNY – Stony Brook) and Iris Kemp (U. of Washington). President Beal also presented a MFS Student Travel Award to Chelsea Campbell (U. of Florida), but she was not in attendance to receive it. Each received \$500 to use towards travel to the AFS annual meeting, membership to the MFS and AFS, and a copy of the Beverton Notes. Deb Murie provided Chelsea with her certificate and Beverton Notes later during the AFS meeting.

President Beal presented the 2012 Steven Berkeley Marine Conservation Fellowship (\$10,000) to Tony Spitzak of the Washington State University in Vancouver, WA. President Beal also presented two runners-up for the Berkeley Fellowship to Geoffrey Smith (U. of Florida) and Caitlin Cleaver (U. of Maine). Each runner-up received \$1000. Caitlin was unable to attend the meeting and Gail Goldberg (AFS staff) will send her plaque with certificate.

President Beal presented the Oscar E. Sette award to Andre Punt (U. of Washington, appendix B). Andre was in Australia and unable to attend the AFS meeting. The award was accepted by Dr. Punt's colleague Dr. Boatright.

President Beal asked for thoughts on symposia for next year and expressed concern about previous plans to try to develop proceedings volumes for sale as a fund-raiser.

President Beal recognized Deb Murie for her efforts in managing the MFS website, and Deb asked whether anyone would like to help out.

Karin Limburg suggested special issues of Coastal and Marine Fisheries as an outlet for proceedings if AFS chooses to de-emphasize proceedings volume books.

Karin Limburg suggested a symposium for 2013 on tracking the marine phase of diadromous species life cycles.

Tom Bigford suggested building on the current emphases on forage fish when developing a diadromous fisheries symposium.

Ben Walther suggested a symposium on the effects of extreme weather like droughts on coastal systems.

Ken asked for additional suggestions for symposia to be submitted to President-Elect Doug Vaughan.

President Beal announced that Jim Cowan won the recent election as President-Elect, Ben Walther was the runner-up. Deb Lambert was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

President Beal also announced the winners of the Division Representative elections as follows:
Northeast Division: Gail Wippelhauser
Southeast Division: Susan Lowerre-Barbieri
Western Division: Brenda Norcross

Then new President Vaughan presented now Past-President Beal with a certificate of appreciation for his service.

President Vaughan made a pitch for Beverton Notes sales.

President Vaughan remarked that the MFS needs to increase its membership and improve its budget situation in general.

Churchill Grimes suggested that MFS members should consider teaching continuing education courses to help raise funds for the MFS.

Ken Beal proposed approving the MFS budget. President Vaughan moved the motion, and Churchill Grimes seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

Carolyn Griswold remarked that Ken Sherman really appreciated receiving the Sette Award.

John Boreman mentioned the issue of societies needing to increase membership and the need to be relevant to members and retain members. John thinks we really need to retain members, especially students and senior leaders. AFS needs to become more relevant to those groups, and figure out why we are losing people. The generational relevancy issue is a challenge as well. This is a collective issue for all of AFS. Distance learning is also important, online courses as well. We need to think about all of these issues and become more relevant.

Deb Murie mentioned that the MFS could use a newsletter editor, so newsletters can again be posted on the website. Newsy content also could be posted on the website directly, and then members could be notified by the listserv.

John Boreman mentioned that he has not received emails from the MFS in years, so that needs to be looked into.

President Vaughan should investigate the completeness of the listserv and make sure everyone is on the list.

LinkedIn serves very well as a listserv. LinkedIn can be made members only and is a great forum for exchange of ideas. Only dues-paying members can participate. Society for Conservation Biology does this already, and lots of other organizations as well. This is more safe and effective than listservs and Facebook.

President Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.

Appendix A.

AFS Marine Fisheries Section
Financial Report for 2011-2012

Balance on January 1, 2011 = \$2,572.38				
Deposits/Credits				
	date	description	amount	cleared
	4/26/2011	AFS (dues collected from Sept 1 - Dec 31, 2010)	\$1,062.00	x
	6/13/2011	Doug Vaughan (2 Beverton Note sales to Dr. Katie Andrews and Dr. Ej Dick)	\$10.00	x
	9/1/2011	Estuaries Section - reimbursement for costs of the joint MFS and Estuaries Section business meeting in September 2011 (see check # 114 in withdrawals below).	\$378.00	x
	9/9/2011	\$200 donation from Dr. John Hoenig to use towards student travel awards in 2012.	\$200.00	x
	9/9/2011	Doug Vaughan - from sales of 9 Beverton notes @ \$5 each and 1 Beverton book @ \$20 at the 2011 AFS annual meeting	\$65.00	x
	11/10/2011	Anonymous donation received through AFS	\$1,000.00	x
	11/10/2011	Estuaries Section - reimbursement for costs of the joint MFS and Estuaries Section business meeting in September 2011 (see check # 114 in withdrawals below).	\$500.00	x
	6/13/2012	AFS (MFS dues collected from Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2011)	\$2,310.00	x
	7/19/2012	Deb Lambert - from sales of 1 Beverton notes book	\$5.00	x
		sum=	\$5,530.00	

Withdrawals

Check #	date check was written	description	amount	cleared
111	2/8/2011	Ken Beal - travel reimbursement for airfare to the Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting of AFS in Bethesda, MD	\$417.30	x
112	8/1/2011	Megan Nims (2011 Travel Award Winner)	\$325.00	x
113	8/1/2011	Tim Ellis (2011 Travel Award Winner)	\$325.00	x
114	8/15/2011	ARAMARK Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC -- costs for meeting set up and catering for joint MFS and Estuaries Section business meeting at 2011 AFS annual meeting.	\$1,255.82	x
115	8/16/2011	Ken Beal - travel reimbursement for airfare to the 2011 AFS annual meeting in Seattle, WA	\$458.40	x
116	10/13/2011	AFS - for certificate, plaque, and shipping & handling of Sette Award. Award was presented to Brian Rothschild at 2011 AFS annual meeting.	\$25.00	x
117	12/15/2011	2012 AFS membership for Megan Nims (U. of Texas, Austin; winner of 2011 Travel Award)	\$29.00	x
118	1/9/2012	2012 AFS membership for Tim Ellis (NC State University; winner of 2011 Travel Award)	\$22.00	x
119	6/28/2012	Lee Benaka - reimbursement for the costs of set up and catering for the joint MFS and Estuaries Section business meeting at the 2012 AFS annual meeting.	\$200.00	x
120	7/23/2012	Iris Kemp, University of Washington (2012 Student Travel Award Winner)	\$500.00	
121	7/23/2012	Chelsey Campbell, University of Florida (2012 Student Travel Award Winner)	\$500.00	
122	7/23/2012	Konstantine Rountos, SUNY-Stony Brook (2012 Student Travel Award Winner)	\$500.00	
		sum=	\$4,557.52	
Balance as of 7/23/2012 =			\$3,544.86	

Approved MFS Budget for January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012*		Revised budget after receiving \$1000 anonymous donation in November 2011.	Actual Expenses (as of 7/23/2012)	Note
Student Travel Awards [Awards are \$525 each (\$500 for travel, \$20 for membership, and \$5 for award certificate). Awardees also receive a free Beverton notes book. Dr. John Hoenig donated \$200 at the 2011 MFS annual meeting to use towards student travel.]	\$1,050	\$1,575	\$1,500.00	Expect to receive invoice for award certificates in fall 2012. Expect to receive request for AFS memberships in winter 2012-2013.
Food and drinks for joint MFS and Estuaries business meeting.	\$400	\$400	\$200.00	
Travel reimbursement for MFS President to attend Mid-year and Annual Meeting. Note: This travel budget will not fully support travel (airfare, lodging, food) to both meetings. Alternative sources of funding will need to be acquired to fully support travel.	\$600	\$1,000	\$0.00	Expect to receive reimbursement request after annual AFS mtg.
Sette Award (certificates @ \$5, plaques @ \$15, and shipping \$5 each)	\$25	\$25	\$0.00	Expect to receive invoice in Fall 2012.
Charitable donations	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
Nominal Reserve/Buffer for unplanned expenses		\$75	\$0.00	No money was spent on unplanned expenses.
Total =	\$2,075	\$3,075	\$1,700.00	

*Budget was approved at the joint AFS MFS and Estuaries Section meeting in Seattle, Sept 2011.

Proposed MFS Budget for January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013	
Student Travel Awards [Give 2 student travel awards at \$527 each (\$500 for travel, \$22 for membership, and \$5 for award certificate). Awardees also receive a free Beverton notes book.]	\$1,054
Food and drinks for joint MFS and Estuaries business meeting.	\$400
Travel reimbursement for MFS President to attend Mid-year and Annual Meeting. Note: This travel budget will not fully support travel (airfare, lodging, food) to both meetings. Alternative sources of funding will need to be acquired to fully support travel.	\$600
Sette Award (certificate @ \$5, plaque @ \$15, and shipping @ \$5)	\$25
Charitable donations	\$0
Total =	\$2,079

Appendix B. Statement on the award of the 2012 Oscar E. Sette Award to Andre Punt

Dr. Andre Punt is currently on the faculty of the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington. His first peer-reviewed publication appeared in 1989. Since then he has published nearly 200 papers as senior or junior author, which constitutes possibly unparalleled scientific productivity. Andre has had a notable influence in the field of stock assessment and management evaluation, and he has published on assessment and management of creatures from invertebrates to whales. Two areas he has published on are the Bayesian approach to stock assessment and the operating model approach to evaluating fisheries management. He has acted as a consultant to fishery management agencies world-wide. As a teacher, he has twice won his college's distinguished teaching award. In addition to all this, Andre serves ongoing fishery management as a member of several scientific committees involved in fishery research, as well as a member of editorial boards of several scientific journals. His accomplishments make him a worthy recipient of the Oscar E. Sette Award for sustained excellence in marine fishery biology.