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### **President's Message**

As you can see from information elsewhere in the Newsletter, plans for the 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in New Hampshire are well underway, thanks to the efforts of Scott Decker and Norm Dube. We will be inviting members of the Southern New England Chapter to attend and present papers at the Monday technical session. SNEC President Russ Brown is taking the initiative to invite his membership and to organize one of the sessions. This is a convenient time for us to invite and meet with our Southern New England counterparts as the meeting site in New Hampshire minimizes travel time.

Thanks also to Brian Smith for organizing the Chapter's evolving Reference Library and serving as a clearinghouse for information received. There's a wealth of regional research and management information that isn't efficiently shared by the AIC membership because it hasn't been published in professional journals. The management problems we face within our Chapter area are consistent enough so that shared information can potentially be of value to our neighbors. In my case, I've already used brook trout reports from P.E.I. and Vermont for comparison to Maine study results; I'm sure there's much more information that I'm not aware of. I thank the following members who have volunteered to date to forward reports from their respective provinces and states to Brian for inclusion in our Reference Library: Scott Covington, Vermont; Scott Decker, New Hampshire; Ross Jones, New Brunswick; Michel Legault, Quebec; John MacMillan, Nova Scotia. I will select the reports for Maine. When completed, this bibliography will be listed in the newsletter and/or website.

Congratulations to Joan Trial for both her promotion to Senior Biologist, Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission, and her election to Second Vice President of NED which puts her on the fast track for President in two years. Joan has contributed significantly to the success of the AIC over the years and we expect she will continue to do so in the future, for we have no intention of letting her abandon us now!

Chapter officers participated in a phone conference Nov. 6, 2000. There was discussion and consensus on two potential by-laws changes, which will be voted on at the 2001 business meeting. Participants gave Chapter reports on activities being carried out within the Division – and which we may consider as activities - including the following: surveys of rare and endangered fishes and community outreach on stream ecology (SUNY Syracuse Chapter); workshops on aquatic plant identification and otolith technology (New York Chapter); and a workshop on sculpin and darter identification (Pennsylvania Chapter). The EXCOM also approved a \$500 contribution to the Clemens Rigler Travel Fund, which supports student travel to the Canadian Conference for Fisheries Research. The Southern NE Chapter requested and received a commitment for NED matching support up to \$500 for a continuing education work-

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## FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

### “2001: A Fishing Odyssey” 27th Annual Meeting of the Atlantic International Chapter September 23-25 – Lake Winnepesaukee!

You are invited to submit abstracts for review on any topic. Send abstract, title, or notice of interest to:

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**FORMAT: Paper, Poster, Video, or Computer Demonstration**

**Deadline for first call is April 15, 2001**

#### AIC 2001 REGISTRATION, MEALS AND LODGING INFORMATION

This year's meeting will be held at the Geneva Point Center on the shores of New Hampshire's largest lake, 44,000 acre Lake Winnepesaukee. The "Big Lake" offers plenty of fishing opportunities so bring your gear! The salmon and smallmouths should be cooperative! Geneva Point, located in central NH in the town of Moultonborough is a non-profit conference center and camp that serves non-profit, educational, and religious groups. Located on 200 acres of shorefront property, Geneva Point offers a variety of accommodations as listed below as well as a new state-of-the-art meeting room. A registration form is currently being developed. **The conference center is requesting that reservations be made by June 1** which would necessitate a separate mailing between our winter and summer newsletters. This date may be negotiable however. To learn more about Geneva Point, check out their website at [www.genevapoint.org](http://www.genevapoint.org). For more information on the meeting contact **Scott Decker**, NH Fish and Game, 603-271-2744, [sdecker@wildlife.state.nh.us](mailto:sdecker@wildlife.state.nh.us).

#### Housing Descriptions and Rates for Meeting

**Deluxe Lodge**

Each of 20 motel style units has heat, carpeting, bathroom with shower.

**Single: \$190.00                  Double: \$158.00**

**Deluxe Cabins**

Each of 12 units has heat, carpeting, bathroom with shower, private entrance.

**Single: \$182.00                  Double: \$150.00**

**Cabins**

Each of 8 units has heat, bathroom with shower, private entrance, 2 twin beds and 1 built-in double bunk.

**Single: \$164.00                  Double: \$130.00**

**Inn (No Heat, Bath Down Hall)**

Each of 12 rooms have carpeting and use a common men's or women's bath located on the second floor

**Single: \$118.00                  Double: \$96.00**

**Commuters:                                  \$48.00 (includes meals)**

*All Rates include housing for 2 nights and all meals beginning with dinner on Sunday and ending with lunch Tuesday*

*President's Message continued.*

shop on the Fishery Analysis Simulation Tool to be conducted by Mick Maceina of Auburn University in 2001.

Another Chapter effort involves the establishment of a statistics column in our newsletter. This effort, initiated by Joan Trial at the meeting in Pictou, was taken up by Stephen Smith, DFO and Board Member of the Statistical Society of Canada. Stephen received enthusiastic support from SSC President Louis-Paul Rivest. Dr. Rivest requested that Roman Viveros-Aquilera get in touch with our contacts – Matthew O'Donnell, Maine Dept. of Marine Resources and Joan Trial – “to identify methodological and statistical challenges” faced by fisheries scientists. The long and short of it is that we will have a statistics column included in our newsletter as early as next summer. The same column will also be printed in *Liaison*, a publication of the SSC.

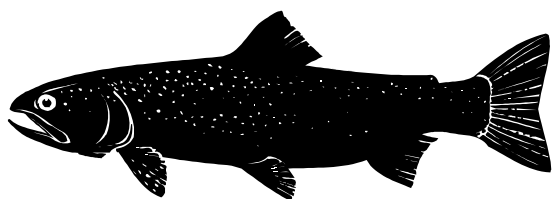
Thanks to Alan McNeill, local arrangement chair, and his crew for doing a great job hosting the 1999 meeting in Pictou, Nova Scotia. The meeting was successful in attracting participants from many of our states and provinces; marine, estuarine, and inland practitioners were all represented. And a nod to the session chairs and presenters; your efforts are truly appreciated. A memorable location, great facilities, and delicious food; Maritime hospitality can't be beat!

As most of you know by now, our website is up and running – but not without the efforts of several people. Len Gerardi pioneered our first website and Shawn Good organized the technical materials, contacted the AFS web support staff, and implemented the latest version. Thanks also to past President Brandon Kulik who made our website a priority during his tenure.

The AFS Membership Committee – i.e., Scott Decker with help from Brandon Kulik - is seeking our help in boosting membership, and points out that personal contact is the most effective method for recruiting new professionals to the group.

Our members have accomplished a lot for the Chapter in recent months. If you have ideas, gripes, or wish to contribute to the effort, let me know. Stay warm.

Forrest Bonney, President



**AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
ATLANTIC INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2000  
PICTOU LODGE, PICTOU, NOVA SCOTIA**

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Atlantic International Chapter (AIC) was called to order by President Brandon Kulik, at 8:17 am on September 26, 2000 in a meeting room at the Pictou Lodge in Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada. Alan McNeill was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms by the president, and determined there was a quorum. Vice-president Forrest Bonney and Secretary Larry Miller were at the head table with the President. The first order of business was to recognize past Atlantic International Chapter (AIC) Presidents (Alan McNeill, Joan Trial, Peter Cronin, Peter Amiro, Scott Decker, and Fred Kircheis) and distinguished guests (Northeastern Division Representative Joan Trial).

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The minutes of the 1999 business meeting were printed in the January Newsletter, and Joan Trial moved that the minutes be approved as printed, second by Fred Kircheis. The motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Larry Miller presented the financial report; copies were distributed to the membership. The balance in the AIC Bangor Savings Bank account on September 20, 2000 was \$7,523.73 US. The balance of the Canadian funds account in the Royal Bank of Canada was \$577.23 CAN as of September 25, 2000. Joan Trial moved the report be accepted, second by Alan McNeill, and the motion carried on a voice vote.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Excom** – there was nothing to report by the Excom on the Northeast Division or Parent Society meetings, as no officer was able to attend the meetings. There was discussion of a potential River Workshop to be held in the future. The Excom would announce details of the workshop following further discussion.

**Membership** – Scott Decker presented the Membership Committee Report. As of August 11, 2000, the AIC consisted of 134 US and 101 CAN members for a total membership of 235 paid members. Most of the turnover in membership was noted to students and people who moved out of the area. Since delinquent members (one year or less) and courtesy addressees are maintained on the newsletter mailing list a total of 268 were mailed out.

**Student Stipend** – no students presented at the annual meeting and none requested a stipend for the meeting.

**Archives** – Fred Kircheis reported that all items received by the Archive Committee had been duly archived and all requests fulfilled. Joan Trial noted that there were a number of pictures in the archives that were not labeled and as a result it was uncertain as to whom some of the people in the pictures are and/or where the pictures were taken. She suggested that the collection be brought to the next annual meeting and maybe some of the membership could help out with the identification of the pictures. It was also suggested the pictures be organized and placed in albums that could be displayed at annual meetings. The membership was also advised to bring copies of any pictures of past AIC meetings or events to the next meeting for inclusion in the collection.

**Website** – Shawn Good, the AIC Webmaster, developed and designed the new web page for the AIC. The page was demonstrated at the meeting. The membership overwhelmingly approved of the new site and extended their thanks and praise to Shawn for his work on the site and its content. It was decided that matters of administration of the site would be taken up under new business.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee presented its recommendation of Forrest Bonney, the current Vice-president, for the office of president. Nominations for Officers were taken from the floor.

Secretary/Treasurer – Larry Miller, nomination made by Joan Trial, second by Fred Kircheis

Vice President – Norm Dube, nomination made by Fred Kircheis, second by Joan Trial; Brian Smith, nomination made by Scott Decker, second by Joan Trial

There being no further nominations from the floor, Ken Warner moved to close nominations, second by Larry Miller, and the motion passed.

Peter Cronin moved that the Secretary cast one unanimous vote for the sole candidates for the offices of President

(Forrest Bonney) and Secretary/Treasurer (Larry Miller), second Pam Seymour, passed unanimous voice vote.

The candidates for vice-president were given the opportunity to address membership before the ballots were cast. Following the candidates' address, the Sergeant-at-Arms directed a ballot vote, which was overseen by the Secretary. The ballots were counted, counted again and then recounted etc.... results of the vote indicated the Norm Dube was duly elected as the next Vice-president of the AIC.

Scott Decker presented a resolution thanking those responsible for organizing the meeting. A motion to accept by Joan Trial, seconded by Shane O'Neil, passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The new President Forrest Bonney was escorted to the head table by past-presidents Alan McNeill, Joan Trial, Peter Cronin, Peter Amiro, Scott Decker, Fred Kircheis, and outgoing president Brandon Kulik. After giving a brief acceptance speech, Forrest performed his first duty as President, presenting Brandon with a plaque recognizing his contributions to the chapter over the last year.

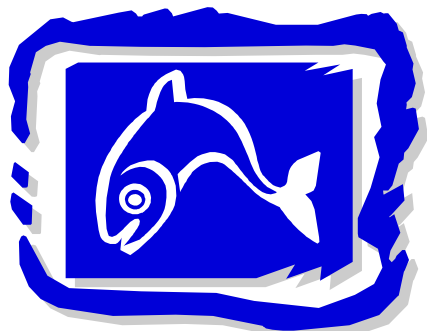
A discussion of the web page, its content and administration was held and several items were identified for further investigation. Generally it was agreed by the membership that a Web Committee should be formed to oversee the content of the web site. There should be an editor for Canada and one for the US. "Gray literature" (reports, briefs, compiled data) from AIC members or their agencies/organization that are of potential interest to the membership should be available through the site as links or .pdf files. They could also take the form of abstracts with contact information for more information on the full report. A state/provincial coordinator for each locality was suggested to receive the information and pass it on to the web committee for review.

Scott Decker volunteered to host the 2001 AIC annual meeting in New Hampshire. The topic was discussed and it was decided that the Excom would be responsible for choosing the meeting topic. The possibility of holding a joint meeting with another biological/scientific organization was discussed and it was decided that the Excom would further explore the possibility of a joint meeting.

Scott would also take care of getting the most up-to-date membership and mailing lists to the newsletter editor and the web master. Peter Cronin suggested that the list include retired members, interested outside organizations, and people who express interest in the AIC and regional fisheries issues. This was seen as a way of potentially growing the membership.

The results of the 2000 raffle were announced. The raffle netted \$353.00 US and \$15.00 CAN.

Peter Amiro moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by Norm Dube, and passed by a voice vote. President Forrest Bonney adjourned the business meeting at 10:03 am.



## CHAPTER NEWS

### New Hampshire

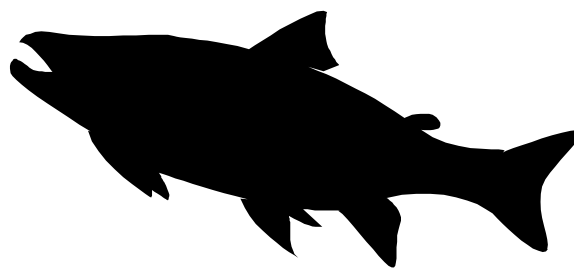
#### **Dam Removal Scheduled for Summer 2001**

The first removal of a dam in New Hampshire for the purpose of restoring anadromous fish will take place in July or August of this year. Permits have been granted to remove the McGoldrick Dam located in the town of Hinsdale on the Ashuelot River. The dam, originally built around 1830, is about 6 feet high and 150 feet long. The Ashuelot River formerly supported runs of Atlantic salmon, river herring, and American shad prior to the construction of dams to harness the river's waterpower for industrial purposes. There are six other dams on the lower Ashuelot River, three of which are operating hydroelectric facilities and three others, like McGoldrick, which serve no useful purpose. Winchester dam in the town of Winchester and the Homestead Woolen Mills dam are two others that are being considered for removal. For more information, contact Scott Decker, NH Fish and Game Dept., 603-271-2744, sdecker@wildlife.state.nh.us.

#### **Establishing Instream Flow Rules**

New Hampshire is currently involved with the process of establishing rules for protecting instream flows in several major rivers throughout the state. The NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, established in 1988 by the NH Legislature and administered by the Department of Environmental Services (DES) Watershed Management Bureau, allows for the nomination of rivers or segments of rivers by groups or individuals for protection under the

program. Currently, there are 12 designated rivers in the program. The original legislation for the program directed the DES to develop rules for protecting instream flows. Much discussion has occurred between business and industry representatives and environmental groups on the instream flow rules over the years since the Rivers Management and Protection Program was established. The first public hearing on the proposed instream flow rules was recently held. Business and industry representatives felt the rules would be too costly to implement while environmental groups thought the rules, although a good start, were generally too weak and somewhat cumbersome. Providing adequate habitat for riverine fish species during low flow periods is the driving force behind the establishing the instream flow rules. For a detailed look at New Hampshire's Rivers Management and Protection Program and the draft instream flow rules, the website address is: [www.des.state.nh.us/rivers](http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers).



### Maine

#### **Personnel Changes**

**Joan Garner Trial**, Research Fisheries Biologist for the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, was named the Senior Biologist for the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission by the Executive Director on Monday, October 30, 2000. As senior biologist, Joan will supervise the ASC biological staff located in Bangor, Cherryfield, and Sidney. She will work closely with the ASC Executive Director Fred Kircheis, and Policy Development Specialist Henry Nichols to support and enhance Atlantic salmon research and management.

Joan received her B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. from the University of Maine. Her doctoral dissertation research was developing and testing habitat models for Atlantic salmon.

Prior to being appointed as senior biologist, Joan worked as a fishery research biologist for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Her 25-year career has focused on the relationships between physical habitat and fish populations, concentrating on the ecology of riverine habitat with communities that include brook trout and salmon. She has been responsible for developing statisti-

cally sound sampling, supervising and coordinating data collection, developing and maintaining databases, data analysis, and interpreting and reporting results. Her research with brook trout in Maine has enhanced the knowledge and management of the species in riverine habitats. Her responsibilities have included research on angler survey methods, eel harvest efficiencies, physical habitat survey design, and copepod parasites of brook trout in the Pierce Pond area. She has spoken at conferences throughout the United States on work that has been done in Maine.

As we all know, Joan is very active in the American Fisheries Society, both with the Atlantic International Chapter and the Northeastern Division. She will serve as president of the Northeast Division in two years. Joan lives in Argyle with her husband Henry, one English pointer and two German shorthair pointers. She is an avid bird hunter, angler, and sporting clays shooter at the Hermon Skeet Club.

**Sandra Lary**, who until recently worked with the Stock Enhancement Division of the Maine Department of Marine Resources, has taken a position with the Interdisciplinary Resources Technical Team of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Bangor, Maine. As aquatic system biologist, Sandra will be working on watershed habitat restoration projects throughout New England, including sedimentation, nutrient loading, riparian protection, fish passage, dam-removal options, watershed plans, and aquatic biodiversity. She expects that Atlantic salmon listing issues will account for a large portion of her workload in the immediate future.

Sandra received her B.S. in Marine Science from Long Island University-Southampton College and is working toward a master's degree at the University of Buffalo. She has worked for the National Marine Fisheries Service in the Bering Sea, Alaska, and for the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Maine and Buffalo, New York on issues involving Atlantic salmon and alewives including trophic level evaluations, forage base productivity, and stream habitat assessments.



### **Restrictive Brook Trout Regulations are Yielding Biological Results**

*Forrest Bonney*

Wild brook trout in Maine are living longer and getting larger as a result of restrictive regulations imposed on hundreds of Maine lakes and ponds effective 1996. The intent of these regulations was to reverse a long-term decline in the proportion of mature fish that are crucial for the perpetuation of wild brook trout populations. In the process, an array of special regulations was consolidated into a few classes of regulations, thereby simplifying the Maine fishing law book.

The efficacy of the regulations was evaluated from sampling conducted on 16 brook trout lakes and ponds sampled statewide from 1994 to 1999. A total of 3,500 brook trout were sampled and aged by scale reading. Brook trout population estimates and standing stock were also determined for these waters for one to five years. The highlights of the study so far include the following results:

- The new, stricter regulations had little effect on the overall number of brook trout in a body of water, but were effective in increasing the proportion of older, larger fish, thus reversing the decline in age and size quality.
- The average size of the trout sampled increased from 287mm to 323 mm, a 12.5% increase.
- The proportion of trout three years old and older increased from 20.3% in ponds with low-to-moderate regulations to 25.5% in ponds with high-to-severe regulations.

This study was completed in 2000 with the inclusion of several additional waters. A final report will be written within the next year.

Vermont**Smith-Root Boat Clinic Participants Still Needed**

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In the July 2000 issue of the newsletter, I provided information on the Smith-Root Boat Clinic (where Smith-Root technicians come into the field and service and certify your boat). In the article I indicated that the Pittsford District Office of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife was interested in hosting a clinic before field season started in the spring of 2001. If you don't remember what is entailed in a Boat Clinic, please re-read the article in your July 2000 newsletter (also available online at <http://www.fisheries.org/aic>). Smith-Root requires 6 boats in order to do the clinic – to date we have 4 (one boat from NH and 3 from VT, one of which is a USFWS boat). I might be able to plead with Smith-Root to do it for only 5 boats .... but we still need more participants. Please contact me if you are interested in having your Smith-Root electrofishing boat serviced and safetied before this coming field season.

**Fisheries Director Leaving**

**Tim Hess**, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department Director of Fisheries, will be leaving for Arlington, Virginia, beginning work as a Federal Aid Coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Tim has been with the Department since 1995. Before then, he worked in Georgia as a district fisheries biologist, senior fisheries biologist, hatchery superintendent, and assistant chief of fisheries. He received his B.S. in Fisheries Science from Cornell University in 1971 and his M.S. in Fish and Wildlife Biology from Tennessee Tech in 1976. We wish Tim well in his new career. Beginning in March, he can be reached at his new e-mail address: [tim\\_hess@fws.gov](mailto:tim_hess@fws.gov).

**AIC Member's Report Bibliography**

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I have volunteered to compile references for inclusion in the AIC report bibliography. The goal is to increase the amount of information shared between agency professionals.

Forrest Bonney sent out a proposal in late October. I compiled an e-mail list and sent a follow-up request in mid December. The only responses have come from New Hampshire and Vermont. The proposal calls for current information, hopefully limiting time spent compiling references. If there are older reports that you deem important however, by all means include them. That said, for those that may already have lists of their reports on file, please don't send the entire list, a subset of the more recent/important work will be sufficient.

I am more than happy to speak with anyone who has specific questions as to the exact type of documents that will be listed. The reason for my involvement, however, is not intended to weed out unwanted material, but rather to act as a clearing-house for the information. It is up to each agency to decide what to submit, and I don't see rejecting much, if any material sent.

Finally, a note to the coordinators, please review and verify your contact information as presented in the reference list. I look forward to taking a look at what everybody has been working on over the past few years. Again, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your help.

**State/provincial volunteer coordinators and citations are as follows:****New Brunswick:**

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### **Wildlife Society/NE Pest Council Meeting Accepting Papers on Landscape Scale Conservation Issues**

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**Where:** Portland, Maine—Sheraton Inn  
**When:** March 15, (AIC slot is 2-5:30 PM)  
**Conference Theme:** "Landscape Scale Conservation"  
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There will be a joint mini-meeting on March 15 with the Wildlife Society/NE Pest Council and the Small Woodlot Owners of Maine. We are looking to fill the slot with coldwater, warmwater diadromous papers and posters relevant to the overarching theme. Papers welcome!!

Registration costs are waived for presenters. Submit author and titles to Brandon Kulik at the above address.

We will post more details on the agenda on the website as they become available.

## History of the Atlantic International Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

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(revised September 1999)

Interest in forming an AFS Chapter including Maritime Canada and northern New England began to appear as early as 30 years ago (1969). At that time, Colin E. Wykes, Biologist with Maritimes Resource and Development Branch, wrote Dr. Robert F. Hutton, Executive Secretary for the parent Society, asking for advice and information on possible formation of a Maritimes Region Chapter of A.F.S. Dr. Hutton provided the information, but the matter was apparently not pursued further at that time.

Further interest was generated at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Division held at Ellenville, New York, in 1972. At this meeting, then-President Kendall Warner urged expansion of the Chapter concept and proposed formation of a "Northern New England and Maritime Canada" Chapter to establish closer working relationships in areas with similar fisheries interests.

In late 1974, correspondence between T. L. (Larry) Marshall and W. C. (Bill) Hooper rekindled interest in formation of a "Maritime" Chapter, resulting in a draft letter and questionnaire for use in polling fisheries workers in the proposed Chapter area. The questionnaire and letter of explanation was sent to interested fisheries workers in states and provinces within the proposed Chapter area on January 8, 1975 by the "Chapter Formation Committee", consisting of Larry Marshall (NS), Bill Hooper (NB), Angelo Incerpi (VT), Al Meister (ME), John Ritter (NS), George Robbins (NS), and Bert Tetreault (P.Q.). The result was overwhelmingly favorable, with 90% of the respondents favoring formation of the "Atlantic International Chapter" of AFS. The Chapter area included the Provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec (east of Three Rivers), Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island; and the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. The expressed purpose of the Chapter was "to foster communication through total participation (workshop approach) and to exchange applied information and techniques, as well as theory, on fisheries management and culture within the Chapter area". Proposed Chapter By-Laws were approved by the Parent Society Executive Committee on March 17, 1975, and a petition requesting Chapter formation was approved by A.F.S. at the annual Business Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, on September 12, 1975

*Note: Table 1 contains a list of Annual Meeting locations and elected officers.*

The **First Annual Meeting** was held at Biological Station, St. Andrews, N.B. on November 11-13, 1975. Theme was "Fisheries Management in the Atlantic Region". At the Business Meeting in November, proposed by-laws were adopted, and it was voted to hold regular meetings annually. A total of 89 persons registered. AFS President Cameron Stevenson was Keynote Speaker.

The **Second Annual Meeting** was held at Bangor, Maine, December 5-7, 1976. Theme was "Ecosystem Management". Sessions were held on Ecosystem Management and Aquaculture, Habitat Protection and Management of Aquatic Environments, and Ecosystem Management and Marine Fisheries. Banquet speaker was AFS President Henry Regier.

"Biological Basis for Fisheries Management with Emphasis on Brook Trout and Atlantic Salmon" was the theme for the **Third Annual Meeting** held at Fredericton, N.B., December 4-7, 1977. Sessions were held on Brook Trout-Hatchery Stocks, and Wild Stocks; Atlantic Salmon-Hatchery Stocks and Wild Stocks; and Marine Fisheries (General).

On October 4-6, 1978, the **Fourth Annual Meeting** was held at Fredericton, N.B. This was a joint meeting between the A.I.C. and Coldwater Workshop of the Northeastern Division, with a theme of "Socio-Economic Evaluation in Fisheries Management". Sessions were held on: Economic Evaluation in Recreational Fisheries; Measuring Performance of Government Fisheries Agencies; Socio-economic Problems of Recreational Fisheries; Economics of Commercial Fisheries; and Socio-economic and Political Problems resolved by Fisheries Agencies in the Northeast. Registration was 71 people.

The **Fifth Annual Meeting** of AIC was held at Bangor, Maine on September 23-25, 1979. "Use Restrictions as a Management Tool" was the theme of a one-half day session on September 24, while contributed papers on various subjects were presented on September 23.

The 1980 Coldwater Workshop of the Northeastern Division was hosted by the AIC (**Sixth Annual Meeting**) at South Casco, Maine, on October 1-3, 1980. The theme was "Lake Trout Management", and 52 people were in attendance. Fruitful discussions were held on the following Workshop topics: Wild Populations; Natural and Artificial Spawning Areas; Hatchery Maintenance Stocking; Population Dynamics; and Regulations.

The **Seventh Annual Meeting** was held at the Duchesnay Forestry Station, Duchesnay, P.Q. on September 13-15, 1981. The theme of the meeting was "Fishery Evaluation through Creel Census". A morning of contributed papers,

an afternoon of three concurrent Workshops, and general discussion provided the format for addressing the theme. A committee was appointed to study the possibility of putting together a handbook on standardized creel census methods. The "first-ever" AIC Newsletter was issued in June 1981.

"Black Bass Management" was the theme of the **Eighth Annual Meeting** held at Tall Timber Lodge, Pittsburg, New Hampshire, on October 4-6, 1982. Morning session on Tuesday was contributed papers on bass management, followed by afternoon concurrent workshops (continued Wednesday morning) on: "Trends in Demand for Bass Fishing"; "Interaction Between Bass and Salmonids"; and "Regulations for Bass Fishing". Newsletter Editor Nicole Berube was congratulated on her work in producing two Chapter Newsletters during the past year.

The **Ninth Annual Meeting** was held at Fundy National Park, Alma, New Brunswick, on September 11-13, 1983. Theme of the meeting was "River-Stream Management". Contributed papers were presented on Monday morning and afternoon, and contributed papers and a panel discussion were held on Tuesday morning. A field trip was made to the Big Salmon River on Tuesday afternoon.

The **Tenth Annual Meeting** of the Atlantic International chapter, AFS was held at Leen's Lodge, Grand Lake Stream, Maine, on September 23-25, 1984. The theme was "Landlocked Salmon Management". An informal session was held on Sunday evening. Monday sessions included: Salmon Management Case Histories, Salmon Regulations and Salmon Enhancement and Stocking. Hatchery Management Techniques was the subject of the Tuesday morning session. For the Tenth Annual Meeting of AIC at Grand Lake Stream, Maine in 1984, Ken Warner (AFS-AIC Archives Chair) compiled and presented a 10-year history of the Chapter from its formation in 1975 to 1984. It would be remiss, however, not to acknowledge the "behind the scenes" support and encouragement given by Paul Ruggles, former Chief of the Resource and Development Branch (DFO, NS) and Dick Cutting (DFO, NS) in launching the Atlantic International Chapter, American Fisheries Society. The meeting was highlighted by Stan Leen's pig roast and "grand lakers".

The **Eleventh Annual Meeting** was held at Jay Peak Ski Resort, Jay, Vermont on September 22-24, 1985. The theme of the meeting was "Fishery Management Techniques and Methods". An informal session was held on Sunday evening. Sessions on Monday included: Population Distribution and Assessments and Tools and Techniques. Tuesday morning's session was entitled: "The Syn Session --- Systems, Symptoms, and Synthesis".

Cheribourg Auberge, Mont Orford, Magog, Quebec was the location of the **Twelfth Annual Meeting** on September 21-23, 1986. "Management of Introduced Fishes" was the theme of the meeting. Informal sessions were held on Sunday evening. Sessions on Monday included Species Distribution, Policy and Regulation, and a Panel Discussion. Tuesday morning's session was concerned with Social and Biological Aspects of species introductions.

The **Thirteenth Annual Meeting** was held at White Point Beach Lodge, Hunt's Point, Nova Scotia on September 20-22, 1987. The theme was "Resource Allocation - Dividing habitat, opportunity and harvest among competing interests". Sunday night featured the usual informative session. On Monday, sessions were held on Sport and Commercial Fisheries and Allocating Habitat. Keynote Speaker was Karl Laubsten Director of the Resource Allocation Branch, Atlantic Fisheries Service. He spoke on "Resource allocation in Canadian fisheries management: current Fisheries and Oceans practices and problems." Sessions on Tuesday morning were concerned with winter and summer fisheries and fishing opportunity. Paul Johnson (ME) resigned as VP on May 18, 1988 and was replaced by Peter Amiro (NS).

The Oakland House in Sargentville, Maine, was the location of the **Fourteenth Annual Meeting** on September 18-20, 1988. The theme was "Aquatic Habitat Management". The Sunday evening session featured a premier presentation of "the AFS Atlantic International Chapter Blues" written and performed by Yves Mailhot. Informative video selections were also presented. Sessions on Monday included Habitat Assessment, and the St. John River: a Multi-faceted Fisheries Resource. The latter session included modules on the Angling Public, the Fishery Manager, Biological Implications of Management Practices, and a Panel Discussion and Questions. Transcripts of the discussion were published by AIC. Tuesday morning featured Open Topics, Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, and Mitigation.

The **Fifteenth Annual Meeting** was held at Tall Timbers Lodge, Pittsburg, New Hampshire on September 24-26, 1989. Discussions centered around Fisheries Regulations and the rising interest in smallmouth bass tournament angling and management.

The **Sixteenth Annual Meeting (1990)** was held at Pond's Chalet Resort on the Miramichi River in New Brunswick. Peter Cronin and the rest of the local arrangements committee did an outstanding job of hosting the meeting. Sessions on habitat enhancement and public involvement were the main focus of the program. Presentations ranging from habitat improvement activities in NB to the angler diary program on Great Bear Lake kept inter-

est high. John O'Brian, President of NED attended and addresses the membership. He focused on more cooperation between the Division and Chapters.

The **Seventeenth Annual Meeting (1991)** was held at the Tyler Place Lodge in Highgate Springs, VT on the shore of Lake Champlain. About 45 people attended for an excellent array of papers, good food and more. The first session dealt with the control on unwanted species (plants and animals) and was followed by a lively panel discussion of citizen participation in fisheries management. The last session covered smallmouth bass management. AFS executive director, Paul Brouha, attended and addressed members about parent society happenings. NED president-elect, Ken Beal, also attended and addressed members about Division concerns. A major event was realized when the AIC was selected as the "Outstanding Chapter" in the NED.

The **Eighteenth Annual Meeting (1992)** was held at the Auberge Godefroy Resort in St. Grégoire, Québec. About 60 people attended the conference where computer techniques, stocking programs, and fish culture were featured topics. A field trip to Pierre Magnan's new laboratory was a highlight of the meeting.

The **Nineteenth Annual Meeting (1993)** was attended by about 50 folks at the Rangeley Inn, in Rangeley, Maine. NED president, Carolyn Griswold addressed the meeting about Division issues. The theme, "Fishing's Gone to Hell--Perceptions of Fisheries Management" elicited lively discussion during the panel discussion and presented papers.

The **Twentieth Annual Meeting (1994)** was held in conjunction with the AFS Annual Meeting in Halifax, NS. In fact, the AIC was the official Host Chapter for the national meeting. There were no separate technical papers associated with the AIC meeting and only about 20 people attended the business meeting. The Halifax meeting, however, was a rousing success and enjoyed by all.

The **Twenty First Annual Meeting (1995)** was held at the Town and Country Motor Inn in Shelburne, NH. The informal Sunday evening session included several talks on marine aquaculture. Formal presentations on Mon. and Tues. covered fisheries surveys, endangered species issues and riverine habitat survey techniques. Computer demonstrations of GIS technology were a highlight of the meeting. NED President-elect, Henry Boone, addressed the chapter about division issues and Maine's Deputy Commissioner, Matt Scott, spoke about Maine's quality fisheries initiatives.

The **Twenty Second Annual Meeting (1996)** convened at

the Best Western Mactaquac Inn in Fredericton, NB. A large and lively group participated in discussions about how forestry and fisheries interrelate and a field trip to the Mactaquac Dam fish lift. An array of papers on a variety of fish species and fisheries issues rounded out the conference.

The Chapter hosted the Northeastern Division's 1997 Coldwater Workshop on lake trout in Jay, VT concurrent with the **Twenty Third Annual Meeting (1997)**. Vermont's tremendous scenery and Jay Peak Resort's exceptional meals, accommodations, and hospitality were the backdrops for workshop sessions on ecology, behavior, management, and culture of lake trout and two Chapter sessions.

The **Twenty fourth Annual Meeting (1998)** held at Lac Beaport, just outside of Quebec City revisited the theme "management of introduced fishes". A though provoking keynote speech by Dr. Pierre Magnan of the Université du Québec at Trois Rivières, and regional updates on the latest distribution of exotics gave way to a lively panel discussion on management options. Yves Mailhot broke the ice on Sunday night with the "leçon française", and all attendees enjoyed the local cuisine and a night on the town on Monday night.

The **Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting (1999)** was held at the picturesque Camp Bishopwoods on Megunticook Lake in Camden, Maine. The theme for the meeting was "Watershed Management" A very full program included papers on habitat and species interactions, partnerships, fish health, and some very interesting presentations on genetics by Louis Bernatchez and several of his students. Those who left early missed an excellent presentation by Ethan Nedeau on the ecology of freshwater mussels in New England, which was punctuated by a sudden thunderstorm and a friendly dog.



**Table 1. Annual Meetings of the Atlantic International Chapter of the A.F.S., 1975-1999.**

<b>Annual Meeting Number</b>	<b>Locations and (date)</b>	<b>Elected President (Prov/state)</b>	<b>Elected Vice-President (Prov/state)</b>	<b>Elected Secretary-Treasurer (Prov/state)</b>
First	St. Andrews, NB (Nov. 11-13, 1975)	Richard W. Hatch (ME)	Kenneth T. McKay (NS)	Tim Luzac (NS)
Second	Bangor, ME (Dec. 5-7, 1976)	William C. Hooper (NB)	Angelo Incerpi (VT)	Jon Stanley (ME)
Third	Fredericton, NB (Dec. 4-7, 1977)	Angelo Incerpi (VT)	John Ritter (NS)	T.L. Marshall (NS)
Fourth	Fredericton, NB (Oct. 4-6, 1978)	John Ritter (NS)	Peter Bourque (ME)	Alexis Knight (NH)
Fifth	Bangor, ME (Sept. 23-25, 1979)	Peter Bourque (ME)	Peter Cronin (NB)	Alexis Knight (NH)
Sixth	South Casco, ME (Oct. 1-3, 1980)	Peter Cronin (NB)	Real Vezina (PQ)	Paul Johnson (ME)
Seventh	Duchesnay, PQ (Sept. 13-15, 1981)	J. Dennis McNeish (ME)	Charles F. Thoits (NH)	Paul Johnson (ME)
Eighth	Pittsburg, NH (Oct. 4-6, 1982)	Charles F. Thoits (NH)	Charles Ayer (NB)	Paul Johnson (ME)
Ninth	Alma, NB (Sept. 11-13, 1983)	Charles Ayer (NB)	Frederick Kircheis (ME)	Norman Dube (ME)
Tenth	Grand Lake Stream, ME (Sept. 23-25, 1984)	Frederick Kircheis (ME)	Leonard J. Gerardi (VT)	Norman Dube (ME)
Eleventh	Jay, VT (Sept. 22-24, 1985)	Leonard J. Gerardi (VT)	Alexis E. Knight (NH)	Kenneth F. Beland (ME)
Twelfth	Magog, PQ (Sept. 21-24, 1986)	Alexis E. Knight (NH)	Joan G. Trial (ME)	Kenneth F. Beland (ME)
Thirteenth	Hunt's Point, NS (Sept. 20-22, 1987)	Joan G. Trial (ME)	Paul R. Johnson <sup>1</sup> (ME)	Kenneth F. Beland (ME)
Fourteenth	Sargentville, ME (Sept. 18-20, 1988)	Peter G. Amiro (NS)	Stephen G. Perry (NH)	Shane O'Neil (NS)
Fifteenth	Pittsburg, NH (Sept. 24-26, 1989)	Stephen G. Perry (NH)	Chet McKenzie (VT)	Larry Miller (NH)
Sixteenth	Ludlow, NB (Sept. 23-25, 1990)	Chet McKenzie (VT)	Rod Wentworth (VT)	Larry Miller (NH)
Seventeenth	Highgate Springs, VT (Sept. 22-24, 1991)	Rod Wentworth (VT)	Phil Downey (VT)	Larry Miller (NH)
Eighteenth	Three Rivers, PQ (Sept. 27-29, 1992)	Phil Downey (VT)	Nancy Adams (NS)	Joan G. Trial (ME)
Nineteenth	Rangely, ME (Sept. 19-21, 1993)	Nancy Adams (NS)	Scott Decker (NH)	Joan G. Trial (ME)
Twentieth	Halifax, NS (Aug. 21-25, 1994)	Scott Decker (NH)	Melissa Evers (ME)	Joan G. Trial (ME)
Twenty First	Shelburne, NH (Sept. 24-25, 1995)	Melissa Evers (ME)	Duncan McInnes (NH)	Joan G. Trial (ME)
Twenty Second	Fredericton, NB (Sept. 22-24, 1996)	Duncan McInnes (NH)	Kathryn Staley <sup>2</sup> (NH)	Joan G. Trial (ME)

1. Paul R. Johnson resigned and Peter Amiro was appointed as vice-president.

2. Kathy Staley resigned, vice-president remained open until the next annual meeting.

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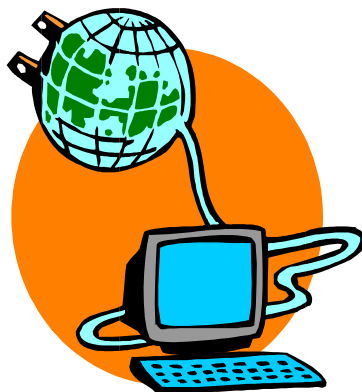
Annual Meeting Number	Locations and (date)	Elected President (Prov/state)	Elected Vice-President (Prov/state)	Elected Secretary-Treasurer (Prov/state)
Twenty Third	Jay, VT (Sept. 14-17, 1997)	Joseph F. McKeon (NH)	Alan McNeill (NS)	Joan G. Trial (ME)
Twenty Fourth	Lac Beauport, PQ (Sept. 20-22, 1998)	Alan McNeill (NS)	Brandon Kulik (ME)	Joan G. Trial (ME)
Twenty Fifth	Camden, ME (Sept. 19-21, 1999)	Brandon Kulik (ME)	Forrest Bonney (ME)	Larry Miller (ME)
Twenty Sixth	Pictou, NS (Sept. 24-26, 2000)	Forrest Bonney (ME)	Norm Dube (ME)	Larry Miller (ME)

### New Web Site Up and Running (Updates a Little Behind !)

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Well, with the generous financial assistance of the AIC's fearless leaders and the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, I was finally able to upgrade my computer and purchase the necessary software to begin the task of web-master for the new AIC website, which by the way can be found at <http://www.fisheries.org/aic>.

I must first apologize for the lack of attentiveness lately, but I had good reason ! My computer was pathetic and couldn't handle the software I needed to manage the site ! Now that's been taken care of, AFS is in the middle of switching servers and so the various websites are currently out-of-service. However, in the one or two days I had between upgrading my computer and having the AFS parent site go offline, I managed to attend to a few things on the AIC website – namely updating the members list. So, I would like to ask everyone to check their personal information on the website once it's running, and let me know (by using the e-mail address above), if anything is amiss.



Additionally, please feel free to let me know in general what you think of my design and content, and what I can add, change, or delete to make it better. You can e-mail me directly, or leave comments in the Guest Book on the website.



### Loose Change

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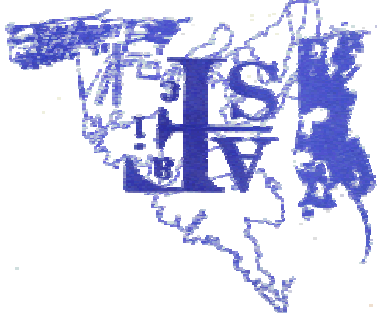
“Loose change” will be a new column featuring last minute small items included in the newsletter. If you have any “loose change” you would like included, please send them to me by the second Friday of each publishing month (January and July).

Loose change item this month is:

The last two issues of *Liaison* are available on the internet at:

<http://www.ssc.ca/04 PUBLICATIONS/liaison/index.htm>

**First Call for Papers!  
AIC Annual Meeting, September 23-25, Lake Winnepesaukee  
Moultonborough, New Hampshire (see page 2 for details)**



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