



**Marine Fisheries Section Report to the Governing Board  
July 20, 2001**

**To:** Carl V. Burger, AFS President

**From:** Anne Richards, President, Marine Fisheries Section

**Subject:** 2001 Annual Report to the Governing Board

**I. Action**

**Action requested:** none

**Recommended motion:** none

**Minority view:** none

**Background for motion:** n/a

**II. Outcome or Accomplishments in Relation to the Society's Strategic Plan**

**Charge or Annual Program of Work:** The objectives of the Marine Fisheries Section are:

To further the attainment of knowledge about marine fisheries.

To provide a forum for identifying and bringing attention to bear on issues and problems relating to the management and development of marine resources.

To provide a forum for addressing biological, economic, social and environmental and other marine fisheries research needs.

To work for the furtherance of education in marine fishery science.

To provide advice to the Executive Director relative to marine fisheries matters.

To encourage communication among all fisheries scientists, administrators and others interested in marine fisheries.

To encourage publication of issues, policies and scientific papers dealing with marine fisheries.

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**Outcome and Accomplishments Organized by Major Goal and Subgoal:**

**Information Transfer and Outreach**

**ITO 1. Professional Stature:** MFS awarded the Oscar E. Sette Award for 2001 to Dr. Daniel Pauly of the University of British Columbia.

**ITO 2. Electronic Information Network:** Preparations for an MFS web site are nearing completion. The site will be launched prior to the 2001 AFS Annual Meeting.

**ITO 3. Public Policy:** MFS provided a list of nominees for a new federal Commission on Ocean Policy pursuant to the Oceans Act of 2000. One of the MFS nominees, Dr. Andrew Rosenberg (Dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, University of New Hampshire) has been appointed by President Bush to serve on the Commission.

**ITO 4.** MFS provided a list of nominees for a Federal Advisory Committee on Marine Protected Areas.

**Member Services**

**MS 1. Professional Development:** MFS awarded student travel grants of \$500 to each of four students presenting a poster or paper on a marine fisheries topic at the annual meeting in Phoenix. The students were Christopher Taylor (NC State University), Taconya Piper (University of Maryland Eastern Shore), Wendy Vandersteen (University of Manitoba), and David Anderson (Texas A&M University).

**MS 2. Science Based Information:** MFS is sponsoring a symposium entitled "Quantitative Methods in Fisheries Science" at the 2001 AFS Annual Meeting, organized by Doug Vaughan, Mike Prager and John Hoenig.

**MS 3. Science Based Information:** MFS coordinated two independent peer reviews (for the Fisheries Information Network for the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and for the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program). MFS selected panels of experts from designated fields within fisheries science to review these programs.

**MS 4. Science Based Information:** MFS is co-sponsor of an international workshop entitled "Training Managers for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" to be held Dec 4-6, 2001 in Queenstown, New Zealand.

**Aquatic Stewardship**

**AS 1. Promote Stewardship:** The section completed an ambitious project on marine fish stocks at risk of extinction, under the leadership of Jack Musick. The final product of this project was publication in the November 2000 *Fisheries* of a listing of specific stocks at risk of extinction. The list was developed using criteria developed in a 1999 paper by Jack Musick published in *Fisheries*, and followed up on four multi-authored articles resulting from the project.