

REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

TO: Mary Fabrizio, President

FROM: Debra J. Murie, President, Marine Fisheries Section

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I. Motion Report

None.

II. Activity Report

(A) Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area in Strategic Plan:

Aquatic Stewardship

AS 2.3: The MFS is sponsoring four symposia for the 2008 Annual AFS meeting: 1) Tagging and its use in stock assessments (Doug Vaughan, John Hoenig and Paul Conn); 2) Best practices in fisheries management (Howard Powles and the Canadian Fisheries and Oceans and Aquaculture Management Research Cluster); 3) Spiny dogfish (Roger Rulifson); 4) Sustainable fisheries for highly-migratory large pelagic (Jon Brodziak, Churchill Grimes, and Sue Sogard).

AS 2.3: The MFS sponsored two symposia at the 2007 Annual Meeting in San Francisco: 1) Performance of alternative harvest polices; and 2) The role of gear technology in ecosystem-based management of marine fisheries.

Information Transfer and Outreach

ITO 4.2: The MFS website has been reloaded and Edgar Kleindinst (NOAA Fisheries) has been maintaining the website and updating sections on request. MFS President Murie has been working on reorganizing the website and updating the site.

Member Services

MS 1.5: Des Kahn, Oscar Sette Award Chair, presented the 2007 Oscar Sette Award to Dr. Robert C. Francis, Professor Emeritus, School of Aquatic and Fishery Science, University of Washington.

- MS 1.7: Russ Brown, Chair of the MFS Student Travel Awards Committee, presented four students with MFS 2007 Travel Awards during the 2007 MFS Business Meeting. Each award consisted of \$500 plus an annual AFS membership.
- MS 2.2: Organization and start-up of the new AFS Marine and Coastal Fisheries journal has been initiated by the subcommittee of the POC. Steve Jordan (Past President of the Estuaries Section) and Debra Murie (President, MFS) are serving on the POC and the marine and coastal journal subcommittee. The POC subcommittee has held numerous conference calls and email discussions in relation to the new journal. A Developmental Editor has been chosen (Dr. Don Noakes), as well as the majority of the Editorial Board.
- MS 3.1: List-server for the MFS has been activated successfully and used to communicate section activity updates to all current members.
- MS 3.3: Website for the MFS has been partially updated and will continue to be updated and reformatted for easier access by members.