

## **Report to the Governing Board**

TO: Bill Franzin, President  
FROM: Roger A. Rulifson, President, Marine Fisheries Section  
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### **I. Motion Report**

None.

### **II. Activity Report**

Aquatic Stewardship

AS 2.3: The MFS is sponsoring one symposium for the 2009 Annual AFS meeting: 1) Energy Production and Fisheries in the Coastal Zone (organizers Fred Genthner and Roger Rulifson).

AS 2.3: The MFS sponsored five symposia for the 2008 Annual AFS meeting: 1) Tagging and its Use in Stock Assessments (organizers Doug Vaughan, John Hoening, and Paul Conn); 2) Best Practices in Fisheries Management (organizers Howard Powles, and the Canadian Fisheries and Oceans and Aquaculture Management Research Cluster; 3) Squaloid Sharks Biology and Management (organizers Roger Rulifson and Jennifer Cudney); 4) Sustainable Fisheries for Highly-Migratory Large Pelagic Fish (organizers John Brodziak, Churchill Grimes, and Sue Sogard); and 5) Modeling and Model Selection (organizer David Hewitt).

AS 2.3: The MFS supported the 7<sup>th</sup> William R. and Lenore Mote International Symposium, "The Spatial Dimensions of Ecosystems & Fisheries: Putting it all in Place", held at Florida State University's Mote Marine Lab November 11-13, 2008.

AS 2.3: The MFS is supporting the 4th International Otolith Symposium to be held in Monterey, California, in August 2009.

AS 2.3: The MFS is supporting a workshop entitled, "Histological approaches to define the reproductive dynamics of marine and freshwater fishes". This workshop, developed for researchers working on all aspects of reproduction and gonadal histology of fishes, will be held June 16-19, 2009, in El Puerto de Santa María, Cádiz, Spain, at the Fisheries and Aquatic Research Center "El Toruño".

AS 2.3: The MFS is supporting the concept of a Scientist in Residency Fellowship program for the Sitka Whalefest 501c3 group, Sitka, Alaska.

## Information Transfer and Outreach

ITO 4.2: The MFS website has been reorganized and updated by Past President Debra Murie. The URL is <http://fishweb.ifas.ufl.edu/mfs/>

ITO 4.2 The MFS listserv management has been transferred from Past President Debra Murie to President Roger Rulifson. The address is [marine@lists.fisheries.org](mailto:marine@lists.fisheries.org)

## Member Services

MS 1.5 Des Kahn, Oscar Sette Award Chair, presented the 2008 Oscar Sette Award for Outstanding Marine Fishery Biologist to Kevin Bailey from Seattle, Washington.

MS 1.7 Russ Brown, Chair of the MFS Student Travel Awards Committee, presented four students with MFS Travel Awards during the 2008 MFS business meeting. Each award was \$500 plus an annual AFS membership. Award winners were: Nuno Prista, Old Dominion University; Joseph Facendola, University of North Carolina-Wilmington; Lynn Waterhouse, Virginia Institute of Marine Fisheries, College of William and Mary; and Ivan Mateo, University of Rhode Island.

MS 2.2 The new AFS Marine and Coastal Fisheries journal is now up and accepting manuscripts. Past President Debra Murie served on the POC marine and coastal journal subcommittee.

MS 3.1 The MFS listserv ([marine@lists.fisheries.org](mailto:marine@lists.fisheries.org)) is being used to notify members of updates, usually posted on the MFS website, and for general communications among members.

MS 3.3 The MFS website <http://fishweb.ifas.ufl.edu/mfs/> has been reorganized and updated for easier access to information, old newsletters, and so forth.