

REPORT TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER  
OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

ACTIVITIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 1994

The Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) has the following to report:

- 1) A "Guide to Reporting Environmental Violations" was compiled in May 1993 by Mr. Tom Jones of the ECC. The purpose of this project was to notify chapter members who they should call in the event of a suspected environmental violation. A copy of the guide was included in the December 1993 newsletter.
- 2) A letter dated September 10, 1993 was sent to the main office of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) regarding the commercial harvest of *Sargassum*. In the letter, we expressed concern over the lack of information regarding species interactions, production, and safe yield and recommended that a fishery management plan not be developed for *Sargassum* at this time. Thanks go to Mr. Bob Goldstein for drafting the original letter and the ECC members who reviewed and provided comments on the draft.
- 3) ECC members and other chapter members that expressed interest in the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 were encouraged to review the AFS draft policy statement regarding the ESA on pages 34-38 of the July 1993 issue of *Fisheries* and provide comments to the editor of *Fisheries* or the authors. The final policy statement appeared in the January 1994 issue of *Fisheries*.
- 4) After serving for two years, Stephanie Goudreau resigned as ECC Chair at the annual chapter meeting in January. President Wilson Laney will appoint a new chair.

  
Stephanie E. Goudreau, Chair