



FISH HEALTH SECTION Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FRYER

Since January 1 some additional progress has been made toward establishing the Fish Health Section. Committee assignments have been made and chairmen appointed. These individuals were identified in the last Newsletter and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each for (their) willingness to serve.

In March I attended the AFS Executive Committee Meeting in Washington, D.C. This allowed me to present the objectives and current status of the FHS. It also gave me an opportunity to go over our Bylaws with the staff of the parent society. Since we are the first section formed within this organization, our efforts in preparing such a document are in effect establishing precedents. It has been necessary and helpful to work very carefully with Dr. Wade and the attorney for the AFS in the preparation of the Bylaws. In doing so, we now have a document consistent with their constitution which also preserves the tax-exempt status of the Society. These Bylaws are now ready for your vote and are included with your copy of the Newsletter. Please read them carefully and cast your ballot.

I have recently received requests concerning some stand the FHS might take with regard to legislation on fish disease control. I encourage everyone to write appropriate individuals in the Congress expressing (their) opinion on this matter. Certainly no group of people in the United States is better qualified to express (themselves) than the 137 members of our organization. Concerning a Section stand on this controversial issue, we are planning to have informal gatherings of FHS members present at upcoming fish disease conferences and hope to develop some ideas and plans from these discussions.

Through the Newsletter and by direct correspondence we will strive to keep you fully informed. We invite your suggestions and comments and hope that you will express yourselves on any matters that concern you.

J. L. Fryer

CAST YOUR BYLAWS VOTE TODAY

In reviewing the Bylaws you will note that they serve primarily to outline the operational methods of our Section. At the end you'll find Article X dealing with fees. The annual fee (formerly dues) will be \$2.00 per year as at present. The second sentence was added at the suggestion of the parent Society so that membership fee changes needn't require an amendment of the Bylaws. The \$2.00 fee should suffice for a number of years to come. Special projects would be funded separately and any that are member-financed require a two-thirds vote of the membership. Outside sources of funds can be sought.

Please review the enclosed Bylaws carefully and mark your ballot (on the reverse) indicating your approval or disapproval. If you disapprove, indicate Articles and Sections needing revision. The deadline for having ballots in is June 1, 1973.

----- Looking for a Good Bargain ? -----

Copies of S.F. Snieszko's "A Symposium on Diseases of Fish and Shellfish" are still available from the Washington AFS office at eight dollars per copy.

PROFESSIONAL NEWS AND VIEWS

1. IPN MORTALITIES have been correlated with hard water and high pH in a brief survey and also experimentally by workers at the Western Fish Disease Laboratory at Seattle. Don Amend reports that mortalities were found to be most severe when the water hardness was above 200 ppm total and the pH was around 8.0. Don asks that anyone who can supply hatchery mortality records and water chemistry data for stations with IPN please do so by sending to Diane Elliott, WFDL, Bldg. #204, Naval Support Activity, Seattle, WA 98115.
2. FIVE FISH DISEASE CONTROL BILLS have been introduced into the 93rd Congress during the first session. In the Senate, S. 522 and S. 1397 were referred to the Committee on Commerce. In the House, H.R. 730 and H.R. 6397 were referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Also in the House, H.R. 6163 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Hearings are scheduled for early May in the House. Copies of these bills may be obtained from the respective Committees.
3. IODOPHOR DISINFECTANTS are being tested against selected pathogens of warmwater fish at the Warmwater Hatchery Biologist Center, Tishomingo, OK. In addition, toxicity tests will be conducted this season on channel catfish eggs of varying ages. Studies last season revealed that channel catfish eggs less than 48 hours old would hatch and fry develop normally following a single 10 minute dip in Wescodyne containing up to 100 ppm I₂. (For further information contact: Joseph McCraren, WWHBC, Tishomingo, OK)
4. WHEN ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE current fish health news items (including humor), Alex McRea, Chief of Hatchery Services for Alaska Fish and Game, replied that "... we have problems, no legislation, damn little background and a helluva hard time finding the humor in the situation."

MEETINGS AND MISCELLANY

1. Fish Disease and Aquaculture Symposium: June 2 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (in conjunction with annual meeting of Canadian Soc. of Zoologists- contact Dr. Chris Frantsi, Mactaquac Fish Culture Station, R.R. #6, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada)
- ** 2. MIDWEST Fish Disease Conference: June 5-7 Univ. Arkansas Union, Little Rock, AR
- ** 3. WESTERN Fish Disease Conference: July 5-6 Marine Science Center, Newport, OR
4. Wildlife Disease Conference: August 22-25 Univ. Connecticut, Storrs, CT Saturday (8/25) Section A devoted to Diseases of Fish (Dr. R.E. Wolke, Chairman, Univ. Rhode Island, Agriculture Exp. Sta., Woodward Hall, Kingston, RI)
5. NOTICE THE REFERENCE NUMBER (73-2) on the masthead of this Newsletter? Please label your February 1973 issue #73-1. All Newsletters to follow will be numbered in order, chronologically, within a given calendar year so that you should receive, this year, 73-1, 73-2, 73-3, 73-4. Sorry to inform that supplies of previous Newsletters are depleted and no more can be printed.

** Informal gatherings of FHS members in attendance are planned.

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Indicate your approval or disapproval of the FHS Bylaws as presently drafted:

BYLAWS RATIFICATION BALLOT

Approve

Disapprove

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