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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Carl V. Burger

Prepare for changes after national election

Our recent national elections are an indicator of the changes we must prepare for when doing business with a new Congress, both as a Division and as a Society. In order to prepare properly for these changes, to give us some time to develop some strategies, and to get a feel for this new political atmosphere, AFS has decided to postpone the Legislative Conference originally planned for late February.

While some may view the Congressional change as a negative event and a substantial challenge for resource conservation endeavors, we'll still have plenty of opportunities to get our message across. The key may be to embrace this change in a positive manner with an offer to help set the new legislative agenda.

After all, the Western Division has some of the strongest resource and legislative stewards in our Society who are now at work on items such as the Aquaculture Bill, Mining Law Reform, Reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act, and various other initiatives. We're also on a fast track with Bethesda regarding

Magnuson Act Reauthorization.

In finding the right avenue to be heard, we may want to repack some of our strategies in a way that (for example) sells our point of view and at the same time highlights any resulting reductions in government spending.

If you have any connections with any incoming legislative leaders, please make them known to Chuck Coutant (AFS Legislative Committee Chair) so that his team can plan appropriate contacts.

Our science-based information will be more important than ever in educating the new Congress and their staffs on specific issues.

The bottom line is that we'll hold fast to our resource goals and our environmental concerns (as we always do in this Division) despite any changing political trends.

Any thoughts you have would be appreciated... they would be helpful in assisting the Division and

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SOCIETY NEWS

1995 WDAFS ANNUAL MEETING

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

Western Division President-Elect Dennis P. Lee announces the second call for papers for the 1995 Western Division Annual Meeting. The theme for the meeting is "Practical Applications of Ecosystem Management" and technical session topics include:

Managing Biological Components of Ecosystems
Managing Physical Components of Ecosystems
Tools for Managing Ecosystems
Status of Inland Cutthroat Trout Management
Contributed Papers

Authors interested in submitting papers should contact Technical Program Chair Kevin Christopherson at (801) 637-3310 before March 1, 1995.

The 1995 WDAFS Annual Meeting will be held July 16-19 at the Olympia Hotel and Conference Center, Park City, Utah. The location is a short distance east of Salt Lake City at an elevation of 6,900 feet. The beautiful scenery and many outdoor recreation opportunities will make this a great vacation site for members and families. For general meeting information, contact President-Elect Dennis P. Lee at (916) 355-7118, or Local Arrangements Chair Leo Lentsch at (801) 538-4756. The meeting agenda, information on hotel accommodations and reservations, and registration forms will be included in the next issue of *The Tributary*. For advance hotel reservations, contact the Olympia Park Hotel, P.O. Box 4439, 1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, Utah 84060 or by phone at (800) 234-9003, (801) 649-2900, or FAX (801) 649-4852. Please mention the WDAFS Annual Meeting when making reservations.

Seeking Materials for Fisheries

My name is Kristin Merriam-Clarke. As editor of *Fisheries*, I look forward to covering your subunit activities in 1995. I invite you to contribute news of your

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The Tributary is distributed to 3,450 WDAFS members and exists as a forum to present fisheries-related information.

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MEETINGS, SYMPOSIUMS & SEMINARS

USING HYDROACOUSTICS FOR FISHERIES ASSESSMENTS

Two day short course conducted by Hydroacoustic Technology, Inc., Seattle, Wash.

Offered Feb. 16-17, 1995 in Seattle, and Feb. 23-24, 1995 in Boston.

Covers basic hydroacoustic theory, deployment logistics, data collection and processing techniques, and typical results for both fixed-location and mobile survey techniques. Included are detailed discussions of single-beam, dual-beam, and split-beam data collection and processing techniques, as well as target tracking and echo integration techniques. Highlights examples from current and past hydroacoustic projects.

Contact Bruce Ransom, HTI, 715 NE Northlake Way, Seattle, Wash. 98105 (206) 633-3383 for an outline and further information.

57TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC FISHERY BIOLOGISTS

March 20-22, 1995

Hotel Newport at Newport, Oregon.

A beautiful site along the Oregon coast.

Contact: Joanne Wu — meeting chair
910 SE 37th Ave. #104
Portland, OR 97214

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PFB is the oldest established Biological Society in the Pacific Northwest. Established in 1936, PFB's primary goal is to promote Fisheries Science through the exchange of ideas and knowledge by specialists in the scientific and fisheries management fields.

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY PUBLIC OUTREACH SYMPOSIUM

June 26-29, 1996

Montana State University,

Bozeman, Montana

"How do we make fish

as popular as dinosaurs?"

Purpose and Goals of the Symposium: Raise the profile of public outreach efforts, foster debate on the best way to reach children and the general public, and help participants improve their public outreach skills.

Symposium Features:

Morning plenary sessions will feature nationally and internationally known speakers on a variety of topics including: How to draw on the connection of ancient fishes and dinosaurs to make fish and aquatics more popular; fish and humor; fish and aquatics in the media.

Afternoon workshop sessions will feature training in video, slide presentations, writing, working with children, and other public outreach skills.

Other features: Evening readings, poster session, fish entertainment, symposium song with aquatic insect sounds, chocolate salmon flies, more. Fish during the famous Madison River salmon fly hatch.

To get on a list to receive a mailing and registration form: Call MSU Conference services, (406) 994-3333 (or 3081); FAX (406) 994-3228; Or write: MSU Conference Services/AFS Symposium, Room 280 F Strand Union, Bozeman, MT 59717.

For more information or to get involved in the Symposium write or call: AFS Symposium Committee ATTN: John Fraley, Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 490 North Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT, 59901; (406) 752-5501.

SYMPOSIUM ON SEARUN

CUTTHROAT TROUT

October 12-14, 1995

Reedsport, Ore.

Purpose: Encourage development of a coordinated effort to restore searun cutthroat trout populations to sustainable levels.

The Lower Umpqua Flycasters, a member club of the Oregon Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, will present a symposium on searun cutthroat trout entitled, "Searun Cutthroat Trout: Poor Step-child of the Anadromous Family" on October 12, 13, and 14, 1995 in Reedsport, Oregon.

The objectives of the symposium are to educate policy-makers, managers, and the general public about the plight of this often overlooked member of the anadromous family, and to encourage development of a coordinated effort to restore searun cutthroat trout populations to sustainable levels.

The program will provide a current assessment of the coastwide status of searun cutthroat trout populations, as well as state-of-the-art information on all facets of searun cutthroat trout life history, ecology, and population genetics.

Those who have pledged their participation include Robert Behnke, Pat Connolly, Ken Currens, Chris Frissell, Eric Gerstung, Robert Gresswell, Orlay Johnson, Eric Loudenslager, John Palmisano, Ron Ptolemy, Art Schmidt, Mario Solazzi, Patrick Trotter, Tommy Williams, and Jack Williams.

The program has been endorsed and cosponsored by the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Council of the Federation of Flyfishers, Oregon State University Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, Humboldt State University Dept. of Fisheries, and the Oregon Chapter of AFS.

A call for papers will be published in the next few months. For more information contact John Crocker, Conservation Chairman, Lower Umpqua Flycasters by phone (503) 271-5640 (h), (503) 271-2164 (w), or by FAX (503) 271-4058. He can be contacted on CompuServe (75213,1307) or on internet (75213,1307@compuserve.com or crockerj@ohsu.edu). His mailing address is P. O. Box 521, Reedsport, OR, 97467.

14th BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL

OIL SPILL CONFERENCE

Feb. 27 - March 2, 1995

Long Beach Convention Center

Long Beach, CA

Contact CDR Bob Pond, U.S. Coast Guard, G-MEP, Room 2100, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593

17th NORTHEAST PACIFIC PINK

AND CHUM SALMON WORKSHOP

March 1-3, 1995

Lakeway Inn, Bellingham, Wash.

Contact Howard Fuss, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capital Way N., Olympia, Wash. 98501-1091; 206-902-2664.

NINTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

ON GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS).

March 27-30

Vancouver Trade

and Convention Centre

Vancouver, British Columbia,

Canada

GIS '95 Symposium

207-1102 Homer St., Vancouver, B.C. V6B; 604-688-0188; FAX 604-688-1573; E-mail gis@unxg.ubc.ca

The 125th AFS ANNUAL MEETING

August 28-September 1

"Fisheries: A Vision for the Future -- Science, Application, Communication."

Tampa Convention Center

Tampa, Fla.

Contact Paul Brouha, AFS, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Ste. 110, Bethesda, MD 20814; 301-897-8616 FAX 301-897-8046; E-mail 73312.1155@compuserve.com.

HISTORIAN WANTED

WDAFS President Carl Burger is looking for anyone interested in volunteering to act as WDAFS Historian. This would involve archiving and assembling historical information concerning the Division. Anyone interested, please contact Carl Burger at 907-786-3314.

President's Corner

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the Society's Legislative Committee in preparing our new strategies.

Division and Chapter Highlights

The Western Division EXCOM recently reviewed and approved the criteria to initiate our first graduate student scholarship (see announcement elsewhere in this issue). The EXCOM has also spent considerable time reviewing a proposal from two Division members for a "sustainable fisheries strategy" directed towards finding solutions to the declines of Pacific Northwest salmon and steelhead populations.

Within the Division, our Arrangements (Leo Lentzsch) and Program (Kevin Christopherson) chairs from the Bonneville Chapter are busily preparing for the upcoming Division Meeting in Park City, Utah. Lou Cantel (AK) has been named as the Division's Audit Chair. The Native People's Fisheries Chair (Kelly Meyer, AZ/NM) and our Equal Opportunity Chair (Ken Hashagen, CAL/NEVA) have joined forces in an attempt to establish a travel grant for a Native American student to attend Division Meetings.

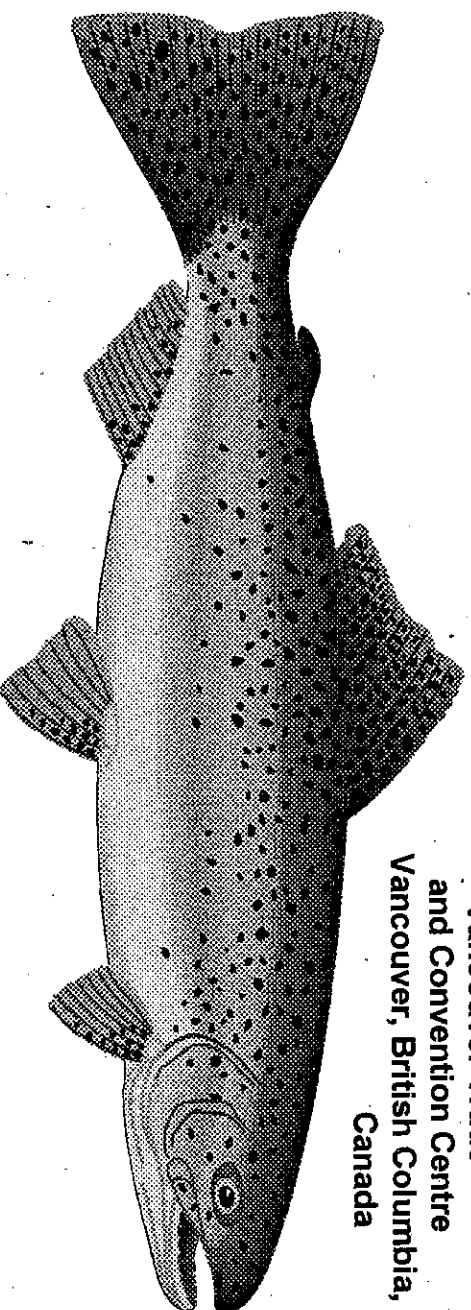
Our Environmental Concerns (Mike Ward, No. Pac. Int'l) and Native Salmon Stocks (Pat Higgins, Humboldt) chairs are also joining forces to keep abreast of upcoming legislation and to develop an on-line system to electronically link chapters and committees with updated fisheries information. The Endangered Species Chair (Jerry Burton, AZ/NM) is closely monitoring Reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act and he is conducting workshops at various chapter meetings. Under the leadership of Tom Weaver (MT), the Bull Trout Committee is awaiting a revised MOU from the Intermountain Forest Industry Association to proceed (following appropriate chapter input) with a new request to review IFLA's stream sampling protocols.

Also, the Division will assist the State of Montana per their request to review their upcoming bull trout restoration strategy. Mark Gorges (Riparian Committee Chair, CO/WY) has just completed a solicitation for this year's Riparian Challenge Award.

Plans have been made to have a Western Division representative at each chapter meeting this year. Carl Burger attended the Alaska Chapter Meeting held in Sitka during November where the central theme and panel discussion focused on advocacy. Other chapter meetings and dates include:

Arizona/New Mexico	February 9-11 in Gallup, NM
Bonneville	July 16-19 in Park city, UT
Cal/Neva	February 1-4 in Napa, CA
Colorado/Wyoming	March 14-16 in Casper, WY
Hawaii	Quarterly, location varies
Humboldt	April 22 at Humboldt State
Idaho	March 16-18 in Boise
Montana	Feb. 6-10 at Chico Hot Springs, MT
New Mexico State	Monthly
No. Pac. Int'l	April 5-7 in Vancouver, B.C.
Oregon	February 15-17 in Ashland, OR
Portland	May in Portland, OR

Teleconferences with chapter presidents and committee chairs were scheduled during the last week of January.



SOCIETY NEWS

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Seeking Officer Nominations

submit's committees, awards, events, position statements, continuing education classes, and other projects. A big thank-you goes to those subunits that have sent me materials in the past year--I hope such articles in *Fisheries* have helped attract new members, raise funds, find volunteers, and recognize outstanding members.

I am also looking for Sections interested in working with me to create special theme issues of *Fisheries* (pitch some ideas or pull together some symposium presentations for starters). In addition, features, essays, and Happenings (individuals member news) contributions are always needed. If you are interested in contributing, or if I can make your submit more successful in the coming year, please contact me at 301-897-8616 (FAX 301-897-5080). Thank you for helping me keep *Fisheries* timely and interesting.

There are three elected offices in the WDAFS including: Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and National Nominating Committee Representative. The person elected to Vice-President normally serves in consecutive years as President-elect, President, and Immediate-Past President. The Secretary-Treasurer serves for two years and may be elected for two consecutive terms. A brief description of responsibilities associated with each office is listed below:

- Vice-President:**
- Chairman of the Membership Committee
 - Member of the Program Committee
 - Assumes the duties of the President-elect if the President-elect is absent or unable to carry out his or her responsibilities
 - Other duties as assigned by the President

- President-elect:**
- Chairman of the Program Committee
 - Chairman of the Arrangements Committee
 - Prepares budget for next fiscal year to be acted upon by the EXCOM and membership
 - Assumes duties of President if President is absent or unable to carry out his or her responsibilities
 - Member of Society EXCOM; attends two EXCOM meetings annually

- President:**
- Presides at all WDAFS meetings
 - Chairman WDAFS EXCOM
 - Member Society EXCOM; attends two EXCOM meetings annually
 - Appoints WDAFS committee chairs
 - Develops and carries out WDAFS plan
 - Communicates regularly with WDAFS chapters and committees
 - Assigns WDAFS officers to attend chapter meetings

- Immediate Past-President:**
- Chairman WDAFS Nominating Committee
 - Chairman WDAFS Awards Committee
- Secretary-Treasurer:**
- Keeps minutes of annual EXCOM and business meetings
 - Allocates and receives funds, keeps financial records, fulfills IRS requirements, and presents financial report to the Division
 - Keeps the official records of the WDAFS

- Division Representative:**
- Member of Society Nominating committee
 - Searches the WDAFS for and nominates qualified candidates for Society officership

Everyone knows of individuals in each Chapter with the leadership skills and ability to serve as a WDAFS Officer. Please send nominations or letters of interest in running for office to:

Randy Bailey
3050 Meadow Creek Road
Lincoln, CA 95648
phone: 916-645-1235
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Free Registration for Students

Students willing to work 8 hours as audiovisual operators at the AFS Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL, from August 27-31, 1995 can receive free registration to the meeting. Contact Kim Bjorgo, Florida Marine Research Institute, 100-8th Avenue S.E., St. Petersburg, FL, 33701, phone 904-392-9617 for more information.

Kootenai River White Sturgeon Listed as Endangered

On September 4, 1994, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the Kootenai River white sturgeon as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

The species is found in approximately 168 miles of the Kootenai River and Kootenay Lake in ID, MT, and BC. These white sturgeon are considered a genetically distinct, interbreeding population that have been isolated from other white sturgeon populations in the Columbia basin for 10,000 years. However, by 1990, the population had declined to an estimated 880 individuals, with few individuals younger than 20 years old. Virtually no recruitment of juvenile white sturgeon has occurred in the population since the mid-1970s, soon after Libby Dam began regulating Kootenai River flows. The population also faces threats from reduced biological productivity and poor water quality and the effects of contaminants. For information call Charles Lobdell, field supervisor, 208-334-1931.

Resistance to Listing of Bull Trout

Idaho governor Phil Batt is asking federal officials not to list the bull trout as endangered in ID, but to let the states have the lead in recovery efforts. At the same time, ID Dept. of Lands and the timber industry oppose a proposed statewide strategy to recover the bull trout which has been developed by the ID Fish and Game Commission. So obviously there is a dilemma as to how intense the recovery efforts should go. The bull trout was widespread before its numbers started to drop due to degradation of the habitat by sediment from logging roads and other sources.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is faced with a possible lawsuit in June, 1995 if this fish is not listed. If the ID Fish and Game Commissioners approve their recovery strategy it could help shape an agreement to protect the bull trout on federal lands in ID. This could help with the decision concerning listing. If listed, logging would be severely limited within 300 feet on either side of spawning streams. Currently under state forest practice rules, the widest stream protection zone is 75 feet. Recovery efforts whether the bull trout is listed or not are needed now throughout the northwest.

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WDAFS Chapter Presidents Listed

Due to popular demand the following list, of current WDAFS Chapter Presidents with their addresses and phone numbers, will become a regular addition to The Tributary. Because of space limitations all Chapter officers have not been listed. Please feel free to contact the following individuals to find out pertinent information concerning their Chapter. If you know of errors in this list please contact Greg Kindisch, newsletter editor (406-587-9265 ext 124).

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WESTERN DIVISION GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Western Division is pleased to announce that planning is well underway to give our first-ever, graduate-level student scholarship. Applications are now being solicited. This scholarship was approved in principle at last year's Flagstaff Division Meeting following a motion by then President-Elect Carl Burger. The motion requested an annual obligation of up to \$3,000 for this scholarship, with award criteria to be developed by a Scholarship Award Committee for subsequent EXCOM approval. The Award Committee (Carl Burger, Rich Carmichael, Gene Maughan, Chris Moffitt, and Carl Schreck) recently developed the scholarship's application and selection criteria and the Division's EXCOM approved them. The Award's application criteria are presented below. Please make them available to any graduate students that you feel may qualify. The Division hopes to be in a position to offer this scholarship at the upcoming Park City Meeting. It is important to note however, that the annual dollar amount will never exceed \$3,000 in total and that one or more awards of lesser value may be given.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be a member of AFS or must have applied for AFS membership at the time of Award application.
2. Applicant must have successfully completed two quarters or one semester in residence in a current graduate degree program at an accredited institution of higher learning within the Western Division.
3. Applicant's major field of study must be related to fishery or aquatic resource science.
4. As part of the application package, applicants must submit a letter to the Award Chair by March 31 that addresses:
 - a. their career goals and reasons for applying (up to 200 words),
 - b. the relevancy of their work to the objectives of AFS (up to 200 words),
 - c. the anticipated degree and completion date of their graduate study, and
 - d. the names and addresses of two faculty members (one must be the graduate student's advisor) having intimate knowledge of the student's background and abilities. (The Award Chair will send a standardized recommendation form to each of these two references.)
5. The application package must also include copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and a one-page abstract that outlines such items as the goals, objectives, design, methods, and expected products from the applicant's graduate work.

Application packages should be sent (postmark on or before March 31) to:

Carl Burger, Chair
Western Division Scholarship Award Committee
4237 James Drive
Anchorage, AK 99504

WDAFS Award Nominations Due

An outstanding way to recognize the folks doing great work for fisheries is to nominate them for a Division award. Please consider nominating someone! We all know an agency, tribe, researcher, hatchery operator, politician, manager or a fine biologist deserving of an award. Nominate under one of the following categories:

Award of Excellence
This is the highest award the Division honors. It is awarded to an AFS member who has shown outstanding achievement over time or in an exceptional short term activity that benefits fisheries resources and the profession. The award is for contributions that are outstanding in the effort and exceptional competence demonstrated in the application.

Award of Merit
This award is to an AFS member who has made a worthy contribution to the Division, the profession or fisheries resources. The contribution is demonstrated to be regionally significant in the application.

Robert L. Borovitcha Award
This award is to an individual who has contributed to the conservation of fisheries resources within the area of the Division. The award may be to a non-member of the Division.

Conservation Achievement Award
This award is to an entity, such as a tribe, agency, or organization, that has demonstrated a significant contribution to the conservation of fisheries resources within the area of the Division. The entity may be a non-member of AFS.

Award of Special Recognition
This award was instituted in 1991, and is given to an individual or entity that significantly contributes to the development and success of WDAFS.

Please take the time to reward fine fisheries work and nominate someone for one of these WDAFS awards! Send nominations by May 1, 1995 to: Randy Bailey, ATTN: WDAFS Awards, 3050 Meadow Dreck Road, Lincoln, CA, 95648, phone: 916-645-1235, FAX: 916-645-1316.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Excellence in Fisheries Education Award Committee American Fisheries Society

The AFS Excellence in Fisheries Education Award was established in 1988. The award is administered by the AFS Education Section and is presented annually to an individual to recognize excellence in organized teaching and advising in some aspect of fisheries education. Nominees may be involved in extension or continuing education, as well as traditional college and university instruction.

Nominees must be an AFS member, have been actively engaged in fisheries education within the past five years, and have had at least 10 years of professional employment experience in fisheries education.

Two or more people may act as nominators, but as least one nominator must be an AFS member. Nomination deadline is March 31, 1995. Additional information can be obtained from: Bobby Whiteside
Chairman, Excellence in Fisheries Education Committee
Aquatic Station
Southwest Texas State University
San Marcos, TX 78666

Bull Trout Newsletter Launched

The Alberta Bull Trout Task Force (BTTF) of Trout Unlimited (TU) Canada is publishing a free, biannual newsletter to increase the exchange of technical information related to

bull trout and to publicize the task force's programs. Ongoing research projects, Alberta concerns, and out-of-province stories also will be included.

The newsletter, unnamed at press time, will include a bibliography of recent bull trout publications. Anyone with an article about the species is invited to submit it to BTTF, c/o TU Canada, POB 6270, Station D, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2C8 Canada.

A library of bull-trout-related materials also is being developed for distribution via interlibrary loan on request. For more information contact Kerry Brewin, chair, (403) 221-8369.

Fisheries Action Network (FAN)

Seeks Priority Issues

Dale Burkett, chair of the AFS FAN development and implementation committee is now seeking (by April 15, 1995) FAN issues for 1996. Dale recently solicited all AFS Chapter Presidents for their top fisheries issues or problems for AFS to develop within the FAN process. If you think you have a candidate issue or resource problem, please communicate with your Chapter President so that he or she can advance it prior to the April 15, 1995 deadline.

Items for The Tributary Sought

With circulation of *The Tributary* to over 3,450 aquatic resource biologists in the western United States, one could not ask for a better means of getting important information out that needs visibility in a timely manner. This can be anything from announcements for upcoming meetings, new available books, key resource issues that need addressing, help, or watchful eyes, or commending an individual or group for a job well done.

The next issue of *The Tributary* will be coming out in May/June 1995 and Greg Kindschi is asking that all contributions be sent to him by April 30, 1995. Please see the bottom left corner of this issue's front page for all the pertinent information on where to mail, FAX, or phone your contributions. Thanks.

Fishing Habit Survey

AFS member Daniel Schill, principal research biologist for ID Fish and Game Dept., is interested in surveying AFS members who work with salmonids about their personal fishing habits. What the proportion is of members who fish, what types of gear are used, whether they harvest trout, and whether they fish for hatchery trout or concentrate solely on wild fish are among the types of information Daniel seeks.

Daniel has volunteered to work with others interested in developing a fishing habits survey, and his offer has been referred to Membership Concerns Committee Chair Carolyn Griswold, who is developing the next AFS membership survey.

Anyone interested in helping to design questions for a survey of AFS member attitudes and fishing habits should write Daniel in care of Fisheries Research, ID Fish and Game Dept., 1414 East Locust Road, Nampa, ID 83686 or call 208-939-6709.

Fisheries Techniques Revision

The AFS Development Department seeks sponsors to fund a major revision of the book *Fisheries Techniques*. The Education Section is managing this project with the aim of publishing the new text this fall. More than 15,000 copies of the first edition are in use worldwide. Please forward suggestions for possible publication sponsors to John Fritts, 301-897-8616.

