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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dennis P. Lee

It has been enlightening to see the activism of the various WDAFS Chapters through their newsletters. As a long standing member and past president of the California/Nevada Chapter, I am aware of what can be accomplished through the efforts of Chapter members. I recently received a letter from a past president of the WDAFS who asked me how I will ensure that position statements made by the WDAFS and the Chapters and Committees that make up the WDAFS are acceptable to most of it's members. While I intend to address this individual's questions in a direct reply, the nature of the letter makes me wonder what most members want from AFS and feel is their role as members in good standing. Strong and active Chapters and Committees create a strong and active Division. In turn, strong and active Divisions create a Society that is able to fulfill it's mission and goals. While unequivocally correct answers are not always possible, I hope WDAFS fisheries scientists strive to do good science. I encourage each of you to revisit your Society membership handbook, review the Society's mission and goals, and see where you can help, whether in your profession, the Society, your Division, Chapter, or everyday life.

Recently AFS President Paul J. Wingate requested a reply to questions posed by the AFS Youth Education Committee of the Education Section. The questions dealt with humane methods for killing fish caught by hook and line and use of

the terms "Catch and Release" or "Selective Harvest." The advent of such questions is a definite sign of changing times and I hope the Society's long term professional standing and reputation will continue to prevail in the development of new terms and standards so answers can be supplied to these pertinent concerns.

Last fall AFS Executive Director Paul Bronha solicited help from the WDAFS and various Chapters and committees in response to Senator Domenici's Livestock Grazing Act (son of S. 852). This bill is opposed by most environmental groups because it is an assault on sound management of public lands. Members of the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter had a special interest in this bill although it has widespread ramifications throughout the west. At the time of this message I do not know the status of the bill's review. However, the issue of livestock grazing and it's affect on public lands and resources continues to be an important and timely issue.

Past WDAFS President Carl Burger has requested your input for nominations for two elected offices within the Division and I encourage your efforts. Carl's note can be found in this issue of the Tributary and I am reminded by Paul Bronha's words on the subject - "nominate smart." Carl is also soliciting nominations for WDAFS awards. Again I

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SOCIETY NEWS

Western Division Award Nominations Due

Nominations are now being solicited (deadline: April 30) for several Western Division awards that will be presented at the Eugene, Oregon Meeting. The awards summarized below are for individual and group achievements within the Division, some of which are given to non-AFS members. Please consider a nomination within the following categories:

Award of Excellence. This is the most prestigious award offered by the Western Division and it is intended to recognize sustained professional excellence. It is given annually to an AFS member who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and exceptional competence in fishery resource applications through monumental works, new methodologies, or multiple successful contributions that benefit our resources and profession. Successful nominees have usually excelled in research or management programs at the regional, national, or international levels. Other examples include fresh, innovative approaches to improving our understanding of aquatic resources, and imaginative and successful programs in education at any level of teaching. Recent past winners have included Tom Northcote, Bud Burgner, Jim Hall, Bob Behnke, and Ted Bjornn.

Award of Merit. This award is given to an AFS member(s) who has made a regionally significant and worthy contribution to our Division, our profession, or our fishery resources.

Award of Special Recognition. This award is given to an individual or to an entity making a significant contribution to the development and success of the Western Division.

Robert Borovich Award. This award is given annually to an individual who has significantly contributed to fishery conservation within the Division. The individual may be a non-member of AFS.

Conservation Achievement Award. This award is typically given to an entity (such as an agency, tribe, or organization) that has demonstrated a significant contribution to the conservation of fishery resources within the Division. Similar to the Borovich Award, the entity may be a non-member of AFS.

We all know some very deserving individuals and groups who have made some outstanding contributions to our resources and profession. What better way to recognize them?!! Please take the time to nominate an individual or group whom you feel would qualify for a Western Division award. To do so, send a short letter justifying your nominee and include any other supportive information you may have. Your letter should summarize the accomplishments and contributions of the nominee within a particular award category, and it must be received by April 30.

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Submissions for the next issue of *The Tributary* are due by April 30, 1996

Second Call for Papers-- 1996 Western Division Annual Meeting-- Eugene, OR

Get out of that winter rut! It's time to think about summer and sharing information and ideas with your AFS colleagues in Eugene, OR, 14-18 July 1996. The meeting theme is "Regional Status and Trends in Fish Biodiversity". Plenary session talks on underlying issues in assessing and managing biodiversity include:

- Peter Moyle (UC Davis) "General Biodiversity & Biontegrity Concerns"
- Dan Bottom (OR DFW) "Large Scale Climatic and Oceanic Patterns and Effects on Salmonids"
- Gerry Smith (U MD) "The Effect of Climate Change on Species Richness in North American Freshwater Fishes"
- Al Tyler (U AK) "Economic, Biological, and Social Aspects of Harvest with an Emphasis on North Pacific Groundfish"
- Kirk Winemiller (TX A&M) "Relationships Between Fish Life History Strategies & Population Responses to Disturbances"
- Rick Mayden (U AL) "The Metapopulation Concept & Its Relationship to the Assessment & Management of the Biodiversity of Fishes"
- Ray Hilborn (U WA) "Statistics & the Precautionary Approach for Managing Biodiversity"
- Special sessions on regional status and trends are being organized by:

- Bob Grosswell (503-750-7410) "Resident Salmonids"
- Pat Higgins (707-822-9428) "Anadromous Salmonids"
- Doug Young (541-885-8481) & Phil Pister (619-872-8751) "Effects of Sportfish Management on Desert Fishes"
- Vidar Westestad (206-526-4249) "Marine Fisheries"
- Dave Geater (406-444-3009) "Sculpins"
- Phil Bartholomew (209-683-3692) & Don Duff (801-524-6491) "Effects of Species Introductions on High Mountain Waters"
- Stephen Vives (912-681-5954) & Gerry Smith (313-764-0491) "Cyprinids"
- Don Buth (310-206-6084) "Catostomids"
- Susan Gutenberger (503-752-3242) & Jerri Bartholomew (541-737-1856) "Regional Influences of Disease on Natural Production of Salmonids"
- Brett Roper is organizing a "Watershed Restoration Workshop" for 18 July.

There will be an introductory hosted social, an evening poster-trade show--hosted social, and a barbecue/auction/raffle. The Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Plans an alumni reception as well. Registration fee is \$150 for regular AFS members. Eugene is accessible from I-5 and its airport is served by United, Delta, and Horizon airlines. July temperatures are typically in the 80's (days) and 60's (nights), with cool evening breezes and, occasionally, showers.

There is whitewater rafting an hour away on the McKenzie River, with rentals and guides in Eugene and Corvallis. The new Oregon Coast Aquarium an hour west in Newport features Northwest marine life, and a new killer whale. Charter ocean fishing and miles of public beaches are also available at the Coast. Hiking, backpacking, and mountain-earring opportunities abound in the Cascades, which are two hours east. Bring your family and combine an excellent program with a vacation!

If you have further questions about social activities, call Linda Prendergast (503-464-6490). For questions on the program, contact Bob Hughes (541-754-4516, email: hughesb@mail.cor.epa.gov). Brett Roper (541-825-3201) is your source of information for the workshop. Abstracts for poster and platform presentations are due 1 May--early submissions will be given preference. Follow the abstract format as it appears in the December 1995 Fisheries.

CEC Video Productions - Proposed Pilot Project

Symposia and workshops at the Society's Annual Meeting frequently deal with current issues in fisheries and bring together the most prominent researchers and managers on these issues. These symposia and workshops are quite valuable to those in attendance, but Society members who were not present do not benefit from the information and experience. Furthermore, the information may never be published, or the publication date may be as long as two years after the meeting. Therefore, the Society's Continuing Education Committee (CEC) is proposing a pilot project designed to facilitate the timely transfer of symposia and workshop presentations to our members for continuing education purposes.

The initiative entails videotaping one-half or whole day symposia or workshops addressing "high interest" topics. The edited tape package would be available for sale within three months after the meeting at a modest price -- perhaps \$20-30 per package. The chosen symposium or workshop would be interesting to a relatively large audience, e.g., management offices, research laboratories, or fishery educators who would like to present the material in their classrooms.

The CEC's initial thinking is that on-site taping would capture the person at the podium, with audio acquisition

through a podium microphone. After the entire event is videotaped, overhead graphics, i.e., the 2 X 2 slides, would be imported directly to a master tape. This process would ensure that the audio would be as clear as possible, and the material originally shown on a screen would be at its highest quality. This process is a compromise between an entirely on-site live production and a studio production. Of course, presenters would have to take a bit more care in planning their talks; and, each would have to provide the video production crew a full set of their slides immediately after the talk.

The CEC would like to determine if any of the Chapters, Sections, or Divisions are interested in sponsoring this pilot project. The sponsoring group would be responsible for choosing a symposium or workshop planned for the 1997 Annual Meeting, or organize one for 1997. However, symposia or workshops prior to the 1997 Annual Meeting can be targeted. The sponsoring group would provide upfront funding -- perhaps \$4,000-5,000 (the cost of video production plus post-event editing). The master of the edited videotaped package would be sent to the sponsoring group. VHS copies would then be responsible for making and selling. VHS copies of the master tapes. The sponsoring group would retain all sale proceeds. The risk is that sale proceeds would not cover production, duplication, and mailing costs. If several sponsors elect to work together, cost and risk per production would be reduced.

The CEC would like to determine if this type of continuing education service has support within the membership. If a Chapter, Section, or Division is interested in this proposal, Bob Carline and Mike Hudgins, CEC members, will make a formal presentation to the group's representatives at the 1996 Annual Meeting. The presentation will include production options, budgets, and a prototype of the anticipated VHS product.

If you are interested, please contact Bob Carline (814-865-4511) or Mike Hudgins (334-288-1669) for more information.

Stipend for Native American/ First Nation Students

The Native People's Fisheries Committee is pleased to announce its second annual travel grant for Native American/First Nation undergraduate students within the Western Division. Working in conjunction with the Division's Equal Opportunity Committee, the Native People's Fisheries Committee will offer a total amount not to exceed \$500 for one or more students to attend the Division's Annual Meeting in Eugene, Oregon, July 14-18, 1996. The Committee hopes that such an award will provide an incentive to increase attendance by Native American/First Nation students at Division meetings. Additionally, the Committee is seeking matching grants from corporations, tribes, and industry to enable future travel grants for qualified students wishing to attend our meetings. Division members may recall that Frank Halfmoon, Joe Dos Santos, and other previous participants on our Native People's Fisheries Committee developed initial seed monies for endeavors such as this. However, those funds are limited and outside partnerships (matching grants) are necessary to perpetuate the award. If you think you know a partner interested in supporting this activity, please inform Kelly Meyer (see below).

To apply for the stipend, students must be Native American/First Nation undergraduates and they must be enrolled at an accredited college within the geographical boundaries of the Division. Their major field of study must be in the biological sciences with a minimum GPA of 2.75. Also, each applicant must provide:

1. An essay (up to 300 words) on their career goals and why they wish to attend the Western Division Annual Meeting;
2. Copies of relevant college transcripts;
3. Evidence of tribal affiliation; and
4. An estimated budget of travel costs to attend the Eugene (Oregon) Meeting.

Those interested in applying should please send the above information postmarked by April 30 to:

Mr. Kelly Meyer, Chair
Western Division Native People's Fisheries Committee
White Mountain Apache Reservation
Game and Fish Department
P.O. Box 220
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

Call For Nominations Excellence in Fisheries Education Award

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 at least one nominator must be a member of AFS.

The nomination deadline is June 1, 1996. Nominations should be sent to the chair of the Excellence in Fisheries Education Committee, and additional information can be obtained from the same source: Thomas G. Coon

Chair, Excellence in Fisheries Education Committee
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Alaska Sea Grant Posters and Publications Available

The University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Alaska Sea Grant College Program has several educational posters available and a recent publication. The colorful posters can be great items for classrooms, offices, interpretive centers, museums, gift shops, seafood stores, and homes. Posters entitled: "Alaska Wet and Wild," "Alaska's Ocean Bounty," "Coho Salmon: Alaska's Silver Treasure," and "Alaska Marine Ecosystems" are some examples of the informational posters available.

In October 1994, 65 researchers gathered in Anchorage for the International Symposium on North Pacific Flatfish. The symposium was the first opportunity for North Pacific flatfish scientists to share information internationally. The proceedings from this symposium is now available for \$25. It provides research results on flatfish spawning habits, latitudinal patterns, feeding, energy needs, morphological variation, habitat, population dynamics, health and condition, bycatch, management, and the recreational fishery. For more information on how to order these posters or the proceedings please contact:

Alaska Sea Grant College Program
University of Alaska-Fairbanks
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Fairbanks, AK 99775-5040
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phone: (907) 474-6707

Nominations for Two Offices Now Being Sought

Nominations are now being solicited for two elected offices within the Division: Vice-President and National Nominating Committee Representative. (The Secretary-Treasurer's position, a two-year term, was filled by Jean Baldrige who was elected to that office at last year's Park City Meeting.) A summary follows that outlines the duties of the Division's Vice-President and its National Nominating Committee Representative.

The individual elected to Vice-President normally serves in consecutive years as President-Elect, President, and Immediate-Past President. As Vice-President, the elected person chairs the Membership Committee, serves on the Program Committee, and assumes the duties of the President-Elect if the President-Elect is absent or unable to fulfill his or her responsibilities. (The duties of the Vice-President may be restructured to include a role as Division Committee Coordinator, subject to approval by the membership at the upcoming Eugene Meeting.) Upon becoming President-Elect, the individual co-chairs the Division's Program Committee, prepares and presents the budget for his or her next fiscal year, and represents the Division at Society Executive Committee meetings twice each year. As President, the individual presides at all Division meetings, serves on and reports to the Society's Executive Committee, appoints committee chairs, and communicates regularly with chapter and committee officials regarding WDAFS annual work plans and goals. As Immediate-Past President, the individual chairs the Division's Nominating and Awards committees.

The individual elected as the Division's Representative to the Society's Nominating Committee is responsible for searching the Western Division membership for potential candidates for Society officerships, and for aiding in their nomination.

All of us know individuals throughout our chapters with the leadership skills and the ability to serve as a Western Division officer. Please send me your nominations or call me to express your interest in running for either Vice-President or Nominating Committee Representative.

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58th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Fishery Biologists March 18-20, 1996

This meeting will be held at the Bay Hotel in Silverdale, WA. For more information please contact:

Doug Morrill
2997 Lower Elwha Road
Port Angeles, WA 98363
FAX: (360) 452-4848
phone: (360) 457-4012

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1996 AFS Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming 1996 AFS Annual Meeting entitled, "Sustainable Fisheries: Economics, Ecology, and Ethics" to be held August 25-29 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan. For more information contact Ron Spitzer, General Arrangement Chair or Mary Fabrizio, Program Chair at (301) 897-8616.

Items Available from AFS

To commemorate the 125th Anniversary of AFS (1870-1995) a lapel pin (\$5 includes shipping) and mug (\$9 includes shipping) are available. Also available is Sea Fare-The Official AFS Cookbook (each: \$15 nonmember, \$12 member, and \$10 bulk for 5 copies or more--please call for shipping costs and where to order). For more information contact:

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International Congress on the Biology of Fishes

This conference is being organized by the AFS Physiology Section and will be held July 14-18, 1996 at San Francisco State University, CA. Sessions include those entitled, "The Physiology of Tropical Fish," "Applied Environmental Physiology," "Aquaculture Biotechnology Symposium," "Feeding Ecology and Nutrition in Fish," "Physiology of Migratory Fish," "The Fish Egg: Its Biology and Culture," "Physiological Monitoring of the Effects of Contaminants on Fish," "Culture and Management of Sturgeon and Paddlefish," and "High Performance Fish II." If you are interested in presenting a paper at this conference or have any questions please feel free to contact Don Mackinlay, Fisheries & Oceans, 555 West Hastings Street, Vancouver BC V6B 5G3, Canada, phone: (604) 666-3520, FAX: (604) 666-3450, e-mail: mackinlayd@mailhost.pac.dfo.ca. Abstracts and papers are due very soon.

Nominations for Meritorious Service Award Sought

The Meritorious Service Award recognizes "unserving loyalty, dedication, and meritorious service to the Society over a long period of time." It is awarded for "an exceptional commitment to the Society's programs, ideals, objectives

and long-term goals." The Society President appoints a 5-member committee which seeks nominations or suggests nominees for the award. It is not essential that the award be given each year, but if a selection is made by the committee, the award is presented at the annual meeting. The committee should make the selection soon enough (by July 1) to prepare the award and to arrange for its presentation. Schedule: April 15, 1996--all award nominations and supporting data to Chairman; May 15, 1996--system for evaluation and selections adopted (names of nominees and supporting data distributed to all committee members); June 15--committee selection of proposed award recipient, if award is to be given; and July 1--letter sent to AFS President and Executive Director, naming the award candidate and providing a supporting statement. For a nomination form or if you have any questions please contact Carolyn A. Griswold, Chair, Meritorious Service Award Committee, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Narragansett Lab., 28 Tarzwell Dr., Narragansett, RI 02882-1199, phone: 401-782-3273 or 401-782-3201.

Sustainable Fisheries Strategy Conference
April 26-30, 1996

The Sustainable Fisheries Foundation and the North Pacific International Chapter of AFS will jointly host an International Sustainable Fisheries Strategy Conference in Victoria, British Columbia, April 26-30, 1996. The purpose of the conference will be to exchange information on the current status of fisheries resources, on the institutional and legal constraints on fisheries management, and on the opportunities for restoring salmonid productivity and use to levels that assure availability of the resource in the future. Any questions concerning this conference can be directed to Don MacDonald, British Columbia (604-722-3631 or 604-677-6359) or Cleve Steward, Bothell, WA (206-670-3584).

127th Annual Meeting of AFS, 1997

The California-Nevada Chapter of AFS announced that the 127th Annual Meeting of AFS will be held in Monterey, CA, from Sunday August 24 through Wednesday, August 27, 1997. This meeting will be held at the Monterey Convention Center with the Doubletree and Marriott Hotels acting as accommodation hosts. Papers from all fields of fishery science will be presented in various symposia and sessions by leading National and International fishery scientists. The conference includes a trade show that highlights the various products of vendors and manufacturers of fishery associated equipment and publications. Social activities will be included in the evening agenda.

Conference hosts indicate they anticipate approxi-

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 Kindsehl, newsletter editor (406-587-9265 ext. 124).

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mately 2,000 attendees to the Annual Meeting. Participants will be greeted by Monterey's mild ocean-side weather, and will be able to take advantage of numerous scenic and cultural opportunities including: beautiful Pacific Ocean beaches and Monterey Bay, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, numerous nationally recognized golf courses, Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row, and several famous restaurants. California visitors will have the opportunity to visit a multitude of natural resources, historical landmarks, and famous metropolitan areas.

For more information about the conference, contact Ken Hashagen, Local Arrangements Coordinator at (916) 652-3512. For Trade Show information, contact Dan Odenweller at (916) 654-2731.

President

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encourage you to participate. In a profession where appreciation for one's efforts are often unrewarded except through personal satisfaction, the WDAFS awards provide the opportunity to recognize our peers for their achievements.

Dennis Tol, Resolutions Chair, completed his revision of the Bylaws for the WDAFS. His draft is available in this issue and please feel free to comment on this document so it can be finalized. Completion of this task will redefine several WDAFS elements and will help us function more effectively.

Most Chapters host annual meetings which provide members: excellent opportunities to network with fellow scientists, educational opportunities, and allow members to enjoy themselves with their peers. The Oregon Chapter will host the WDAFS Annual Meeting this year in Eugene, OR on July 14-17. Oregon Chapter members have demonstrated an excellence in the profession and I am looking forward to a great meeting and encourage your attendance. In addition, the California-Nevada Chapter is actively involved in planning the 127th Annual Meeting of the Society to be held in Monterey, CA August 24-27, 1997. For many WDAFS members this meeting will provide the first opportunity to participate in an AFS Annual Meeting.

Western Division Bylaws Revised

The Western Division Bylaws are being revised to reflect decisions made during this past annual conference about the Division's committee structure and to formalize the Division's advocacy procedures. The following is a draft of the revised bylaws for membership review with additions bracketed and in bold, and deletions crossed out. Please address your comments to: Dennis Tol, Box 670590, Chugazak AK 99567-0590. The Bylaws will be published again for a vote by mail in the following issue of the Tributary.

BYLAWS OF THE WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
As Revised: 1996

SECTION I. Name and Objectives.
A. Pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Fisheries Society (hereinafter referred to as the Society) there has been established within the Society a Western Division (hereinafter referred to as the Division).

B. The objectives of the Division shall be those set forth in the Constitution of the Society, and shall be in particular:

1. Provide a forum through the annual meeting for the exchange of technical and policy information common to and of interest to the Division membership.
2. Provide an opportunity through the annual meeting to promote understanding by regional, federal, and state policy-makers of the nature and extent of fishery matters of concern to the Division membership.
3. Assist in the exchange of information in a timely manner to chapters and the general membership located within the Division.
4. Provide a vehicle for the active participation of individual members in Society business and professional activities.

SECTION II. Membership.

A. The membership of the Division shall be those Society members in good standing residing in the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, U.S. Islands and Trust Territories in the West Pacific Ocean, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming in the United States of America; the Provinces of British Columbia, and Yukon in Canada; Mexico; and individuals residing in other Divisions who elect to be members of the Western Division.

B. All members residing in the above-named States and Provinces are members of the Western Division unless they elect to be a member of another Division by notifying the Executive Director of the Society.

SECTION III. Officers and Representatives.

A. The officers of the Division shall be the President, President-Elect, 1st Vice President, and the Secretary-Treasurer.
B. Representatives [for] of the Division in [Society matters] shall be the Division Representatives to the Society Executive Committee and the Division Representative to the Society Nominating Committee.

C. All candidates must be members in good standing for at least two years immediately preceding their nomination. Also, they must have attended an annual meeting of the Division in one of the preceding three years.

D. The Division President, President-Elect, [and] 1st Vice President shall serve for a period of one year, and shall be ineligible for re-election to the same office for a period of one year after the expiration of their term. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election for a maximum of two consecutive terms and shall be ineligible for re-election for a period of one year after the expiration of a second term.

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E. The Division Representative(s) to the Parent Society Executive Committee will be the [President and] President-Elect and [will] serve for a one-year term.
 F. In the event of postponement or cancellation of an annual meeting, the officers and representatives shall continue to serve until the next general membership meeting.
 G. If an elected officer cannot complete the term of office, the Executive Committee is authorized to appoint a replacement until an election is held.

SECTION IV. Duties of Elected Officers and Representatives.

A. The President shall
 1. Preside at all meetings.
 2. Serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee.
 3. Be a member of the Society's Executive Committee. (The President may be represented at any Executive Committee meeting by either the Vice President or the Secretary-Treasurer providing that the Executive Director is notified in writing in advance of the meeting.)
 4. Appoint committee chair(s) and perform other functions as authorized.
 5. Present reports of Division activities at the annual meeting of the Division, at the Society's Executive Committee meetings, and at annual meetings of the Society.
 B. The President-Elect shall
 1. Assume the duties of the President if the President is absent or unable to act.
 2. Serve as Co-Chairman of the Program Committee.
 3. Prepare and present a detailed budget for the next fiscal year for review by the Division's Executive Committee and membership approval at the annual meeting.
 4. Be a member of the Society's Executive Committee. (He or she may be represented at any Executive Committee meeting by the Vice President or the Secretary-Treasurer providing that officer is not already representing the Division President and providing the Executive Director is notified in writing in advance of the meeting.)
 5. Automatically become President at the conclusion of the Society's annual business meeting.]

C. The Vice President shall
 1. Assume the duties of the President-Elect if the President-Elect is absent, unable to act or assumes the Presidency.
 2. Automatically become President-Elect at the conclusion of the Society's annual [business] meeting.
 3. Coordinate the activities of Division standing and technical committees and serve as liaison between the committees and the Executive Committee.]
 4. Ensure that committee products concerning advocacy and policy follow a review and action pathway through the Policy Review Committee, Environmental Concerns Committee, and/or the Executive Committee in accordance with the Division Advocacy Procedures and the Bylaws.]

5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall
 1. Keep the official records of the Division, conduct its correspondence, and collect and be custodian for any fees or assessments authorized by these Bylaws or funds allotted to the Division by the Society.
 2. Disburse funds only as authorized by either the membership or Executive Committee.
 3. Submit a report on receipts and disbursements at the Division's annual meeting.
 4. Perform other duties requested by the Society's Executive Director.
 5. Submit the minutes of the annual meeting to the Society's Executive Director and the Division Executive Committee within 30 days following the meeting.
 E. The Immediate Past President shall
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tative to the Society Nominating Committee] shall be by mail ballot. The procedure for the conduct of the mail ballot shall be determined by the Executive Committee and executed by the Secretary.
 D. Election of the Division Representative to the Society Nominating Committee shall be at the annual meeting after consideration of the report of the Division Nominating Committee.

SECTION VIII. Finances.

A. The Executive Committee may, with the prior approval of the Society Executive Committee, levy such special fees as may be necessary to meet any expenses of the Division.
 B. A current accounting of all funds shall be kept by the Secretary-Treasurer.
 C. An audit of the financial records of the Division shall be made by an Audit Committee immediately prior to the annual meeting.
 D. All financial transactions shall be accomplished in a businesslike manner in accordance with a budget approved at the annual meeting.

SECTION IX. Division Standing Committees.

The following standing committees, composed of Division members in good standing, shall be organized by the President together with their chairperson(s) within 30 days after the annual meeting. [The activities of these committees are coordinated by the Division Vice President.] Standing committees are to assist the President and the Executive Committee in the conduct of the affairs of the Division. The chairman of each standing committee shall report at the annual Executive Committee meeting and annual membership meeting. In the event a meeting is cancelled, committee reports shall be published in the newsletter.]
 A. A Nominating Committee Chairman (the Immediate Past President) plus at least four members shall recommend a slate of candidates for officers of the Division, and representatives of the Division to serve on the Society Nominating Committee and Executive Committee.
 B. A Resolutions Committee Chairman plus at least four members shall recommend to the Division such resolutions appropriate for Division action pursuant to the guidelines in the Standing Rules, Section B. [A Policy Review Committee Chair plus at least four members (including the Immediate Past President) shall serve as council to the Executive Committee and provide review concerning internal and external policy and advocacy matters and public responses to those issues generated by the Division.] The Chairman shall also serve on the Society Resolutions Committee.
 C. An Audit Committee Chairman plus at least two members shall audit the financial records of the Division and report to the Division at the annual meeting.
 D. A Program Committee co-chaired by the President-Elect and a member from the host state or province appointed by the President plus at least three members shall organize an annual program that will include technical sessions for the presentation and discussion of the original papers and symposia on topics relating to the field of fisheries.
 E. A Title and Place Committee Chairman plus two members shall consider and recommend the time and place of subsequent regular meetings.
 F. An Arrangements Committee Chairman plus three members shall be responsible for making all arrangements for the annual meeting, exclusive of program, to include lodging, meals, pre-registration, and registration, publicity and any other needed facilities or equipment.
 G. A Membership Committee chaired by the Vice President and consisting of one member from each State and Province in the Division shall undertake to maintain the current membership and recruit new members from those eligible within the Division boundaries. The Chairman will also serve on the Society Membership Committee.
 H. An Environmental Concerns Committee Chairman plus a minimum of four members shall be responsible for [researching issues referred to the Committee through the Vice President and developing appropriate responses in accordance with the Division advocacy procedures for Executive Committee action.] dealing with aquatic resource issues.

I. The Division Archivist is responsible for organizing, maintaining, and storing the Division records.]
 SECTION X. Amendment of Bylaws.
 The Bylaws of the Division may be amended by two-thirds majority provided, however, that the proposed amendment was circulated in writing to the membership 30 days prior to the annual meeting, and provided that interested members are given the opportunity to vote by mail if they cannot be present at the meeting. Amendments to the Bylaws of the Division do not become effective until reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Society and written approval is received from the Executive Director.
 The following rules are established to assist in conducting the business of the Division. A Rule may be suspended for the duration of a meeting upon approval by two-thirds of the members present and voting. An amendment to these rules may be adopted by a favorable vote of a majority of members present and voting at an annual meeting, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution and Bylaws.

A. Order of Business. The agenda of the regular business meeting shall include the following:
 1. Call to order by the Division President.
 2. Roll call of members and the determination of a quorum.
 3. Appointment of a parliamentarian.
 4. President's address on the state of the Division.
 5. Introduction of guests.
 6. Reports of the Secretary-Treasurer.
 7. Budget presentation and adoption.
 8. Reports of Chapter Presidents.
 9. Reports of Committees.
 10. Unfinished business.
 11. Installation of new officers.
 12. New business.
 13. Adjournment.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern conduct of all meetings of the Division except where they conflict or are not consistent with the Society Constitution or Division Bylaws.

B. [Advocacy. The Division, from time to time, seeks to express its opinion and policy about issues important to the Division. In its efforts to call attention to these issues, a rigorous and thorough review must be conducted to protect the credibility of the Division. The following process is consistent with Society guidance and shall be applied when the Division joins the public debate as an advocate for or against any issue.
 Criteria for Action:
 1. Is the issue of a regional nature and pertinent to Division goals?
 2. Will Division involvement make a difference?
 3. Is there Division Membership support?
 4. Does the Division have the best available technical information both for and against?
 5. Does the urgency of the issue warrant action without full membership approval?
 6. Is the Division willing to follow through?

Process:
 1. A member, committee, or subunit raises a concern or issue to the Division Executive Committee.
 2. The Executive Committee, coordinating with the Policy Review Committee, reviews the available information and takes action if urgency requires, or
 3. If the issue is complex and/or urgency is not paramount, the Executive Committee, through the Vice President, assigns the issue to a committee for further study and the development of recommendations and appropriate documentation.
 4. Documentation intended for public distribution is reviewed by the Division Policy Review Committee and submitted to the Executive Committee for Action.

Possible Actions:
 1. Refer the documentation to the membership for approval.
 2. Complete and distribute a position or policy paper.
 3. Send a letter requesting action or providing comments.
 4. Refer the issue to the Society or subunit for leadership and provide support.
 5. Recommend an educational forum.
 6. Deny action and provide justification.
 7. Litigation.
 8. [etc.]

Resolutions. The Resolutions Committee is to review each resolution before presentation at the annual meeting to ensure that:
 1. It pertains to only one subject.
 2. It is in the proper format and is grammatically correct. (For guidelines contact Division Resolutions Committee Chairman, Chapter President, or Division President.)
 To be eligible for consideration by the Resolutions Committee, draft resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee Chairman not later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting at which they are to be presented.
 An individual or Chapter may present a resolution at the annual meeting subject to items 1 and 2 above, without prior consideration by the Resolutions Committee. The Committee's authority is limited to recommending action to be taken on a given resolution, and presenting or conveying pro or con comments deemed appropriate.

Upon passage of the resolution(s) at the Annual meeting, the resolution(s) shall be signed by the President and Secretary-Treasurer and sent to recipients within 30 days following the meeting. Copies will be sent to the Society Resolution Committee Chairman with recommendations for consideration at the Society level, if applicable.
 C. Joint Meetings. When the Division decides to meet jointly with other organizations or with other units of the Society, the following guidelines will apply:
 1. The Division shall strive for parity in all printed programs.
 2. Officers of both organizations shall be included in the printed programs.
 3. The Division will assume responsibility for all aspects of fisheries technical sessions.
 4. The Division is to have active participation on all relevant committees, to include program, arrangements, publicity, and ad hoc or standing committees involving the fisheries aspects of the meeting.
 5. Joint Executive Committee meetings are to be held at least once.
 6. The Division is expected to share in the cost of printing of programs and proceedings, and to share in the proceeds, if any.

D. Special Activities. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for authorizing such specialized functions as a Division newsletter, symposia, and international activities. In such circumstances, steps will be taken to ensure adequate controls are established at the Division level for arrangements, finances, etc. Counsel will be sought from the office of the Society Executive Director as necessary.
 E. [Committees] Procedure for Nominations to Committees. [Ad hoc committees are created by the Division President for a specific purpose and are dissolved by the President when no longer needed. The activities of standing and ad hoc committees are coordinated by the Division Vice President in order to ensure responsiveness, continued need, and communications. The Vice President ensures that committee products intended for public distribution are deliberated through the Division Advocacy Process.] When selecting committee members, the President should consider:
 1. Selecting individuals who have indicated their interest by their active involvement in local Chapter activities.
 2. Geographic balance.
 3. Encouraging involvement of younger members of the Division.
 4. That committee involvement is frequently the justification for travel to the annual meeting.

F. Distribution of Copies of Bylaws. Current copies of Division Bylaws should be distributed to the Society's Executive Director, and each member of the Division Executive Committee each year.