

# The Tributary

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dennis P. Lee

I look forward to an excellent Western Division Annual Meeting and know that WDAFS Vice President Tom Nesler and several individuals from the Oregon Chapter have been working hard on this project. I encourage all of you to attend.

Past President Carl Burger recently provided a report to the WDAFS EXCOM on the conference "Towards Sustainable Fisheries-Balancing Conservation and Use of Salmon and Steelhead in the Pacific Northwest" held in Victoria, British Columbia. Carl reported that the conference was a resounding success and was one of the most productive and best meetings he had ever attended. The symposium was well organized and provided an extraordinary breadth of speakers from the U.S. and Canadian federal agencies, the BC Provincial governments, and from the Pacific Northwest States. He indicated that representative tribal leaders, fishers, processors, and various environmental and conservation coalitions were represented.

Following plenary and concurrent technical sessions, registrants were assigned to work groups that met for nearly two days with facilitators. Work groups were charged with identifying common goals and objectives for five relevant subjects. A final strategy and the technical papers will be peer reviewed and published in the AFS Symposium Series. I am hopeful Carl and other participants will be able to provide more information on the conference at our annual meeting. The WDAFS EXCOM had been asked to provide fiscal support but were unable to do so based on provisions included in our bylaws for budgeting unanticipated line items. This will be addressed at our WDAFS business meeting in Eugene, Oregon with an acceptable solution.

Budgets and funding seems to have a high priority on everyone's agenda during these days of shortfalls and restraints. Vice-president Tom Nesler and I attended the AFS 1996 Mid-Term Executive Committee Meeting (ECM), in Bethesda, Maryland, on March 16, 1996. Several issues were brought forth including concern for a \$53,000 deficit (unaudited) in the 1995 AFS budget, and an anticipated \$100,000 potential deficit in the 1996 budget.

Executive Director Paul Brouha indicated that he was addressing the immediate fiscal hurdles facing the society and that projection of this year's budget was a challenge. The uncertainty of federal agency funding coupled with last year's reduced book sales, meeting income, and contributions have left few certain bases for projection. The Budget and Finance Committee met just prior to the Mid-Term ECM to review the 1996 operating budget and apparently were well apprised of the budget situation prior to this Mid-Term ECM. Although a previous day had been spent in retreat discussing several issues including the budget situation, we (WDAFS officers) were surprised by a motion moved by Mike Van Den Avyle, Southern Division President and a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. WDAFS is not repre-

sented on this committee due to regular rotation and a vote at the Annual Meeting in Tampa. The motion was passed by the Governing Board, to adopt goals of eliminating deficit spending and restoring the ability to make annual contributions to reserve funds of not less than 2% of annual receipts (operating budget) in 1997 and 1998. To accomplish these goals, the following actions are recommended:

1) Reduce expenditures on staff salaries and benefits by 5% in 1997 and an additional 5% in 1998;

2) Implement procedures to reduce rebates to Divisions by one-half in 1997 and 1998;

3) Implement procedures to eliminate rebates to chapters beginning in 1997.

Both Tom Nesler and myself voted against the motion (three nays total) because we were not given the opportunity to evaluate the fiscal impact of the motion on the WDAFS and Chapters. I am sure Chapter presidents will receive more information from the Society and will have the opportunity to address concerns as appropriate at the upcoming Society Annual Meeting. If the fiscal changes are adopted by the Society, the WDAFS will have to review future budgets and may have to delete some of the funding programs (grants and scholarships) implemented in recent years.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was the draft Biodiversity Policy Statement that appeared in a past issue of *Fisheries*. The statement had undergone extensive peer review, but was unacceptable to some officers at the Mid-Term ECM based on what appeared to be conflicts with existing AFS policy or accepted protocols. Acceptance of the statement was tabled and will be revisited at the Annual Meeting. Concern was also expressed that the draft statement as presented in *Fisheries* did not encourage review by members as requested and steps will be taken to improve on this in the future. I encourage everyone to review these published draft statements and provide input to the authors or appropriate committee. Your input is relevant and necessary to shape AFS policy.

One final important WDAFS issue brought up by the WDAFS officers was reduced-fee membership opportunities. While this was discussed at the Tampa Annual Business Meeting and we had hoped for some resolution at the Mid-Term ECM, nothing was forthcoming. WDAFS officers were assured that this would be discussed further and options (including a no change option) would be reviewed. Neither Tom or myself are confident that the outcome of these reviews will be favorable to proposals for a reduced-fee membership suggested at past WDAFS meetings.

In conclusion, I look forward to seeing and talking to many of you at the WDAFS Annual Meeting. I am confident that AFS continues to represent professional fishery scientists and workers to help insure we meet the goals and objectives we have established for our professional society.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### AFS WESTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING 14-18 JULY, HILTON HOTEL, EUGENE, OREGON

#### Theme: Regional Status & Trends in Fish Biodiversity

The annual meeting was shaping up nicely at press time. The meeting starts with a free FERC relicensing workshop all day Friday and Saturday (July 12-13), a Bring Back the Natives coordination meeting all day Sunday, an EXCOM meeting Sunday afternoon, and a hosted social Sunday evening. The plenary session on biodiversity begins Monday morning, followed by a point-counterpoint panel in the afternoon. There is a spawning run, poster session, trade show, and hosted social that evening.

Tuesday features special sessions on effects of fish introductions to high mountain waters, effects of disease on fish abundance and distribution, effects of sportfish on desert fishes, and status and trends sessions on anadromous salmonids, sculpins, and cyprinids. Tuesday evening's entertainment includes an Oregon State University alumni social and a salmon dinner, auction, and raffle.

On Wednesday, the special sessions include potamodromous salmonid persistence and life history, juvenile salmonid outmigrations, and west coast groundfish. The business luncheon is Wednesday also. Both Tuesday and Wednesday will have contributed papers sessions. Thursday features workshops on watershed restoration and video imaging.

For hotel reservations, call 1-800-937-6660; government rates are available and rooms are being held until 14 June. The hotel has a complementary shuttle from the Eugene airport. Early registrations are due by 14 June: Regular member (\$155 US), student member (\$55 US), regular nonmember (\$180 US), student nonmember (\$75). Late registrations are \$180, \$75, \$195, & \$90, respectively. The fees for the Watershed Restoration Workshop and spawning run are \$100 and \$7, respectively. Make checks payable to Oregon AFS and mail to WD AFS, Box 722, Corvallis, OR 97339. Include your name, address, affiliation, phone, fax, and email.

### Montana Chapter Fund Raiser for Jeffrey Booth Memorial

The Montana Chapter of AFS held a fund-raising raffle at their annual meeting in February for the Jeffrey Booth Memorial Fund. Their contribution of \$600 was supported by raffling a Hells Canyon sturgeon fishing trip offered by AFS member Billy Connor of Orofino, ID. Over 60 individuals contributed. The Alaska Chapter is grateful to the Montana Chapter and Billy for their effort in memory of one of our colleagues. Chapter members and others may still send contributions directly to Kathy Gensel at National Bank of Alaska, P.O. Box 509, Soldotna 99669.

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## ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
AND CHANGES TO BYLAWS

Now is the time for Western Division members to vote for their candidates of choice for two Division offices: Vice President and National Nominating Representative. Biographies for the candidates follow. Your vote is also requested on changes that update the Division's Bylaws. Please vote and return the pre-addressed ballot card attached to this issue of *The Tributary* by July 1, 1996!

Thanks to the efforts of Resolutions Chair Dennis Tol, the Bylaws have been reworked and updated to reflect changes deemed necessary by last year's Executive Committee review, at the Park City Meeting. Members will recall that the proposed changes to the Bylaws were also published for review and comment in the February edition of *The Tributary*. In addition, the proposed changes were reviewed by Executive Director Brouha and by AFS Constitutional Consultant Dennis DeVries. A finalized version of the WDAFS Bylaws (containing the changes) is published elsewhere in this issue for your consideration -- it will require a two-thirds majority vote by members before enactment.

## CANDIDATES FOR DIVISION VICE PRESIDENT

The candidates for Vice President are **Bob Bilby**, Past President of the North Pacific International Chapter, and **Mark Gorges**, Past Chair of the Division's Riparian Committee. Both candidates have had extensive involvement in issues affecting their chapters and this Division. The successful candidate for Vice President will serve the Western Division in four successive years. The individual will act as Division Membership Chair and committee liaison during the first year of office. Subsequently, and as President-Elect, the incumbent's duties during the second year will include serving as Program Chair for the Division's 1998 Annual Meeting. Upon attaining the Office of President, the individual will represent the Western Division at Parent Society Meetings and other functions. Finally, and during the fourth year, the individual chairs both the Division's Nominations and Awards committees.

**Bob Bilby**

**Robert E. Bilby** has been an aquatic ecologist with Weyerhaeuser Company in Tacoma, Washington, since 1980. He received a B.S. in zoology from the University of Rhode Island and a Ph.D. in aquatic ecology from Cornell University. Bilby currently serves as an affiliate faculty member at the Center for Streamside Studies at the University of Washington. In addition to AFS, he is a member of the Ecological Society of America, where he serves on the Corporate Awards Committee, and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography. He was recently appointed to the Advisory Board of the Center for Watershed and Community Health, an organization established by the Pacific Rivers Council to foster community and landowner based approaches to aquatic habitat restoration.

Bilby's research focuses on stream ecosystems. This work has included investigation of the role of large wood in streams and the impact of forestry on this material, response of stream trophic systems to clear-cut logging and other disturbances, production of sediment by logging roads and its effect on stream biota, and the response of fish populations to various methods of instream habitat enhancement. His work on large woody debris and the impact logging has had on its abundance and characteristics has been used to support changes in forest practice regulations in Washington and Oregon. Recently, through the use of stable isotope techniques, he has been able to quantify the contribution spawning coho salmon make to the nutrient capital and productivity of streams.

Bob has been very active in AFS activities for the last ten years. He has served as a member of the Environmental Concerns Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Endangered Species Committee and Fisheries/Forestry Committee of the North Pacific International Chapter (NPIC), chairing the latter committee from 1989 through 1992. He served as Vice President, President-elect, President and Past-president of the NPIC from 1992 through 1996. He served as Program Chair for the 1994 NPIC Annual General Meeting. He has been a member of the Riparian Committee of WDAFS since 1989 and served on the Western Division Executive Committee as President of NPIC in 1994-95. He was a member of the Steering Committee and a session organizer for the 1996 Sustainable Fisheries Conference held in Victoria, B.C. WDAFS and NPIC were among

the sponsors of this event. Bilby received the Best Paper Award at the 1989 NPIC Annual General Meeting and was presented the NPIC Past-Presidents' Award in 1996.

Bilby sees several key opportunities for the WDAFS in the next several years. The current leadership has made significant progress towards improving subunit communications and addressing some critical issues like reform of federal mining and grazing laws. He feels these efforts should be continued and expanded. In addition, he feels participation in chapter and division activities could be enhanced by soliciting input on the current structure and content of division and chapter technical meetings from fisheries management organizations throughout the WDAFS area. The state, provincial, tribal and federal organizations which employ most of the WDAFS members have limited, and often shrinking funds to expend for the professional development of their employees. Bilby believes developing a dialogue among WDAFS and the management entities will serve two purposes: 1) it will make agency leadership aware of the professional development opportunities our functions already offer, and 2) it will enable the Division to incorporate elements the agencies feel are lacking.

**Mark Gorges**

**Mark Gorges** is currently the Fisheries Program Leader and the Riparian-Wetlands coordinator for the Wyoming State Office of the Bureau of Land Management. An important part of this position is close coordination with a multitude of specialists from other resources, other agencies, and outside interest groups. Since starting this job in March 1989, he has been involved in local, State and national issues such as: Colorado River cutthroat recovery, mitigation for endangered fish of the Colorado River, organizing National Fishing Week activities, statewide mapping of wetlands, riparian management (statewide and on a national level), and helping to develop BLM's national strategies for managing both resident fish species and recreational fisheries. He worked on the Bureau's Rangeland Reform 94 EIS Team, that dealt with fish and riparian concerns.

Mark completed his M.S. in Fish and Wildlife Management at Montana State in 1976. He has worked as a Fisheries Biologist for the Corps of Engineers in Walla Walla, WA (1 year), Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Miles City, MT (3 years), the BLM in Montana (10 years), and BLM in Wyoming (last 7 years). Additional experience involved warm and cold water fish inventories; baseline inventories on fish, macroinvertebrates, water quality and instream flows; large dam operations on the Columbia and Snake Rivers; and population management, stocking, and creel census.

Mark has been a member of AFS since 1975. He has served on the Montana and the CO/WY Chapter Riparian committees, and was Chair of the Riparian Committee for the Western Division during the last 5 years. He participated in the Division Excom Meetings in each of those 5 years. Mark is a member of the AFS Fish Management Section. He has been associated with Audubon chapters for about 18 years and has served as President of two chapters (7 years total), Vice-President (3 years) and Treasurer (4 years). He served on the Developmental Committee for the Wyoming Riparian Association and is currently on the environmental caucus of their Board of Directors. He is a member of the Wyoming Section of the Society for Range Management and the Wyoming Chapter of The Wildlife Society. He has 23 years combined experience as an officer in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve.

Mark's agenda for the Division is straightforward and would include the following challenges:

- Improve and expand the WDAFS Continuing Education program;
- Working with existing committees, become more involved in issues at the local, regional and national levels. Coordinate the development of position papers, using the expertise throughout the Society, to address those issues;
- Emphasize open and constant communications among the chapters and committees to keep the Division's diverse membership informed. Establish a Division homepage on the Internet where daily notes could let everyone know what is happening;
- Get and keep Division members involved in AFS activities so that every fisheries professional knows that their Society has done something for them.

Mark intends to remain active in AFS as his career continues. He believes that his broad background in

fisheries issues will enable him to relate to the diverse and varied concerns of Division professionals and their work situations. He also believes that his extensive background in WDAFS and in other organizations will be beneficial in allowing him to complete his agenda and fulfill the officer duties of the Western Division.

CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL  
NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVE

Responsibilities of this elected position are to serve on the Parent Society's Nominating Committee and to search our Division for appropriate individuals to run for the office of AFS Second Vice-President. Each of the following two candidates has extensive experience and contacts throughout the WDAFS:

**Rich Carmichael**

**Rich Carmichael** is a Program Leader in the Research and Development Section of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, LaGrande, Oregon. He oversees diverse research that focuses on evaluating the success of protecting, reestablishing, and enhancing ESA listed and non-listed anadromous fishes and fisheries in Eastern Oregon. Specific projects address artificial propagation to enhance natural production, life history and habitat requirements, recreational fisheries, fish passage, and methods to estimate natural escapement of anadromous salmonids.

Rich served as President of the Oregon Chapter from 1992-93 and has also served, or is serving on the Chapter's Natural Production and Fish Culture committees, and the Chapter's Scholarship Award Committee. For the Division, Rich has served on the WDAFS Graduate Student Scholarship Committee and he is the Western Division Representative for AFS 2000. Rich has served as a member of the Program Committee for the Parent Society. He currently chairs the Society's Outstanding Chapter of the Year Committee and he serves on the AFS Committee on Standards of Professional Conduct.

**Bob White**

**Bob White** has served as the Leader, Montana Cooperative Fishery Research Unit in Bozeman, Montana, since 1980. In this capacity, he publishes, teaches and interacts with his 38 students on a host of diverse and timely studies having management implications for western fishery resources. Bob's research focuses on evaluating the impacts of human activities on stream ecosystems that include instream flow, hydroelectric dams, forest practices, gas supersaturation, and the physical effects of angler activities in streams. Bob's current research emphasis is on large river ecosystems. Prior to this position at Montana State, he worked for the Idaho Cooperative Fishery Research Unit.

Bob was President of the American Fisheries Society from 1988-89, following three years of successive responsibilities as an AFS Officer. He is also a Past President of the Western Division (1981-82) and a Past President of the Idaho Chapter. Bob has served on diverse and numerous AFS committees at all levels of the American Fisheries Society. He most recently chaired the AFS Award of Excellence Committee (1995).

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.

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## SECTION II. Membership.

A. The membership of the Division shall be those Society member's 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 the Division in Society matters shall be the Division Representatives to the Society Governing Board 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.

E. As defined in Article III.4 of the AFS Constitution, the Division representatives to the Society Governing Board will be the President and President-Elect and will serve for a one-year term. In addition, a proxy may be designated should either of these officers be unable to attend a Governing Board meeting providing the Executive Director is notified in writing in advance of the meeting. This proxy may be any Past President or elected officer of the Division not currently a member of the Governing Board or acting as a proxy.

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 Chair of the Executive Committee.
3. Be a member of the Society's Governing Board.
4. Appoint committee chairs and perform other functions as authorized.
5. Present reports of Division activities at the annual meeting of the Division, at meetings of the Society's Governing Board, 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-Chair 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 Governing Board.
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 the 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 these Bylaws.
5. Serve as Chair of the Membership Committee.

6. Serve as a member of the Program Committee.

D. 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

1. Serve as an ex-officio (non-voting) member on the Division's Executive Committee.

2. Serve as Chair of the Division Nominating Committee.

3. Serve as Chair of the Division Awards Committee.

4. Serve on the Policy Review Committee.

F. The Division Representative to the Society Nominating Committee shall

1. Search the Western Division membership for potential candidates to Society officerships and aid their nomination.

## SECTION V. The Division Executive Committee.

A. The Division Executive Committee shall consist of five elected officers and the President of each Chapter within the Division.

B. It is authorized to act for the Division between meetings and transact necessary business.

C. A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall consist of four of the five elected officers and one-third of the Chapter Presidents. If unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting, the Chapter President may appoint one of the Chapter officers to represent the Chapter, with full voting rights. If such substitution is made, the Division Secretary shall be notified prior to the meeting.

## SECTION VI. Meetings.

A. The Division shall meet at least once a year at a time and place decided two years in advance.

B. Special meetings may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, or by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

C. When mutually agreeable, the Division may meet jointly with other organizations or with other units of the Society in accordance with the Standing Rules, Section C.

## SECTION VII. Voting and Quorum.

A. Decisions at a meeting of the Division shall be by a majority of those voting except in the case of amendments to the Bylaws, or suspension of the rules which require a two-thirds majority.

B. A quorum at the annual meeting of the Division for the transaction of official business shall be at least 20 members in good standing.

C. Election of officers and the Division Representative 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.

## SECTION VIII. Finances.

A. The Executive Committee may, with the prior approval of the Society Governing Board, 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 chairpersons 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 conducting the affairs of the Division. The chair of each standing committee shall report at the annual Executive Committee meeting and

annual membership meeting. In the event a meeting is canceled, committee reports shall be published in the newsletter. The term of duty for members of standing committees shall extend from their appointment to the end of the following annual meeting, unless otherwise specified. Division committees shall work in close coordination with comparable committees of the Society.

A. A Nominating Committee Chairman (the Immediate Past President) plus at least four members shall recommend a slate of candidates for offices of the Division, and representatives of the Division to serve on the Society Nominating Committee and Governing Board.

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 Chair shall also serve on the Society Resolutions Committee.

C. An Audit Committee Chair 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 Time and Place Committee Chair plus two members shall consider and recommend the time and place of subsequent regular meetings.

F. An Arrangements Committee Chair 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 Chair will also serve on the Society Membership Committee.

H. An Environmental Concerns Committee Chair 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.

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 vote 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 Governing Board of the Society and written approval is received from the Executive Director.

## STANDING RULES

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 or by mail ballot, 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 (Continued to page 4)

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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.

**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. Ad hoc 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.

**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.

**CALL FOR PAPERS WILD TROUT VI**  
**Theme: Putting the Native Back in Wild Trout**  
**August 17-20, 1997, Montana State University,**  
**Bozeman, Montana**

Since 1974 a Wild Trout Symposium has been convened every 5 years in Yellowstone National Park to focus on the ecology and management of wild trout. Discussion at some of the initial symposia highlighted management of fish, anglers, and waters, but following the admonitions of the late Starker Leopold (among others), the Wild Trout Symposia have gradually evolved to encompass a broader view of wild trout and their habitat. Ever expanding societal demands in concert with dwindling numbers of wild trout and continued declines in wild trout habitat have increased the need to improve communication in the management and conservation of wild trout. Therefore, the period between meetings has been shortened from 5 to 3 years, and Wild Trout VI will be held August 17-20, 1997. Because of increased attendance and the need for larger facilities the meeting will be held in Bozeman, Montana for the first time, but the spirit and friendship of the earlier gatherings will continue and we intend to continue the traditions that have been nurtured since the inception of the Wild Trout Symposia in 1974. The waters of Yellowstone National Park are only an hour away, and Bozeman lies in close proximity to many of Montana's Blue Ribbon Streams. The meeting will be held at Montana State University which has excellent facilities for your enjoyment.

**Purpose and Goals of Wild Trout VI** are to raise the public awareness of native wild trout and their social and economic value, examine the role of wild trout in American society in the face of simultaneous increases in urbanization and cutbacks in funding, and evaluate strategies for restoration and protection of native trout populations.

**Symposium Sessions** will include panels on various aspects of wild trout management to include risks to the wild trout resources of the country and contributed papers. Potential session topics include the following:

- I. Evolution and biological organization of native trout in North America.
- II. Large-scale threats to the future of wild trout (e.g. urbanization and global warming).
- III. Ecological restoration of native trout and their habitats.
- IV. Issues associated with wild trout.
- V. Human values associated with wild trout.
- VI. The role of market valuation in the protection of wild trout.
- VII. Developing public awareness about wild trout.
- VIII. Effects of government cutbacks and environmental backlash on the future of wild trout.
- IX. Review of wild trout management in the Northwest.

**Call for Papers:** Abstracts for contributed papers or posters may be submitted by any individual. Suggested sessions are listed above; however, papers concerning all aspects of wild trout ecology and management will be considered. Abstracts should follow the required format and must be received by July 1, 1996. Abstracts for papers or posters should be submitted to Bob Gresswell, Wild Trout VI Program Chair, by e-mail at gresswer@ccmail.orst.edu or send a floppy diskette (3-1/2 in. size preferred, but 5-1/4 in. size is acceptable) to Bob at Pacific Northwest Research Station, 3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331. Format all submissions in WordPerfect (version 6.1 or earlier) or ASCII. Use a brief but descriptive title; skip one line and list the author(s) as you want the name(s) to appear in the abstract booklet. Include complete addresses and phone numbers for all authors. If the first author is not presenting the paper or poster at the meeting, identify the presenter with an asterisk after the name. Provide FAX and e-mail numbers for the presenter. Presenter will be notified by the program committee regarding acceptance and scheduling of the presentation. The abstract is restricted to 200 words or less and will be used to judge the contribution of the presentation or poster. Authors of accepted abstracts will have the opportunity to update or amend their abstracts prior to the meeting and will be notified in advance about abstract modification deadlines.

Skip one line after the main body of the abstract and identify your preference using one of the following choices: Oral Presentation, Poster Presentation, or Oral Presentation Preferred/Poster Presentation Acceptable.

**Title: An Example Abstract for Wild Trout VI**  
 Robert Gresswell (U.S. Forest Service/Oregon State University, Pacific Northwest Research Station, 3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97456; 541/750-7410; FAX 541/750-7329; gresswer@ccmail.orst.edu)  
 Robert Wiley (Wyoming Game and Fish, 528 S. Adams, Laramie, WY 82078; 307/742-6441)

Abstracts will be used to objectively evaluate and select papers for inclusion in Wild Trout VI. An informative abstract contains a statement of the problem along with its significance, study-objective(s), principal findings, and key conclusions. A well-written abstract is the best measure the Program Committee has to predict the quality of the presentation. Oral presentation preferred/poster session acceptable.

**REGISTRATION FEE WILL NOT BE WAIVED FOR PRESENTERS.**

Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend Wild Trout VI. Contact Pat Dwyer, Symposium Chairman, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4050 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, MT 59715, (406) 587-9265 Extension 122, FAX (406) 586-5942 if you have any questions.

**AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY PUBLIC OUTREACH SYMPOSIUM**  
 Montana State University, Bozeman  
 June 26-29, 1996



**"HOW DO WE MAKE FISH AS POPULAR AS DINOSAURS?"**

This national public outreach symposium offers a terrific opportunity for natural resource workers to improve their communication skills.

Featured presentations include:

- "Making Fish as Popular as Dinosaurs," by Brad Matsen and Ray Troll, authors of the book *Planet Ocean*.
- "Sex, Hope and the Psychology of Fishing," by Paul Quinnett, author of the book, *Pavlov's Trout*.
- "Fisheries in the Popular Media," by media executive Ted Turner and a stellar panel including Tom Brokaw, anchor of NBC Nightly News (scheduled to appear) and novelist Thomas McGuane, a director of American Rivers and of the Craighead Wildlife-Wildlands Institute and author of several books including *Ninety-Two in the Shade*, nominated for the National Book Award.

"Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs-10 years of accomplishments," by Sharon Rushton, Director of the American Sportfishing Association/Future Fisherman Foundation.

"Future of Public Outreach in the Natural Resource Professions," by American Fisheries Society Executive Director Paul Brouha.

"The Importance of Public Outreach in Public Policy," opening address by Montana Governor Marc Racicot.

**Workshops** include sessions on skills needed in television interviews, writing for children and adults, angler education techniques, angler ethics, stream habitat education initiatives, classroom skills, interpretive projects, and much more.

**Field Trips** will feature the world-class fisheries and habitat of the area, fisheries improvement projects at the Turner Ranch, the Fish Technology Center, and the Ancient Fish Display at the Museum of the Rockies.

**Entertainment** will include the Symposium song by singer/songwriter Greg Keeler, featuring aquatic insect sounds; chocolate salmonflies; an outdoor luncheon presentation by popular wildlife educator Vince Yannone; and an outdoor banquet.

**Sponsored by:** American Fisheries Society; Montana Chapter and Western Division of the American Fisheries Society; U.S.D.A. Forest Service; U.S.D.I. Fish and Wildlife Service; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; Federation of Fly Fishers; and U.S.D.I. Bureau of Land Management, "Bring Back the Natives."

**Registration:** Registration is \$175; meals and lodging are inexpensive, about \$100 for a dorm room and meal package for Wednesday night, June 26, through Saturday night, June 29. For registration forms call Montana State University at 406-994-3333.