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EXCOM REPORT

The EXCOM met at the TPWD offices in Austin on February 21, 1984. Attending were Gary Matlock, Maury Ferguson, Valerie Morrill, Joe Tomasso, Dennis Palafox, Phil Bettoli, Ed Hegen, Mike Zeman and Dick Luebke.

Phil Bettoli (awards committee) reported that Dave Campbell, Roger McCabe, and Bobby Whiteside will also serve on committee, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting that culture, management, education and research be represented in making nominations for awards. Committee members will still accept nominations from the general membership.

Dennis Palafox (nominating committee) reported that his committee would like to see a descriptive write-up of those persons accepting nominations to office inserted into the last newsletter before the annual meeting to aid the membership in voting.

Valarie Morrill (publicity committee) reported that her committee will work to publicize the chapter at field days through chapter materials. Also the committee has completed the membership brochure. The EXCOM set a ceiling of \$600 and a minimum of 1,000 copies for printing, with the wish that the committee seek the most economical printers available. It was agreed the committee will develop a procedure for handling items dealing with chapter position statements, and will draw up a resolution of protocol for when the chapter is asked to have a representative on a program (e.g. Cattleman's Assoc. meeting) to avoid conflicting representation. Gary Valentine, Billy Higginbotham and Mac McCune will serve on the committee this year.

Ed Hegen (exhibits and advertising) reported he will seek contributions from a more diverse group of organizations, and will commence once annual meeting dates are set. His committee will consider pros and cons of having a raffle, door prizes, etc. at the annual meeting. The EXCOM decided the auditing committee will be incorporated into this committee.

Ed Schwille (farm pond stocking committee) was unable to attend but sent word that the committee's name has been changed to Pond Management Committee. His committee is also continuing to fine tune the pond assessment outline. Brian Murphy, Bobby Fahrquahar, Billy Higginbotham, Rich Noble, Holt Williamson and Paul Doss will serve on the committee this year.

Dick Luebke (editorial committee) reported that editing of the last annual meeting papers is going well. Two hundred fifty copies of Proceedings VI will again be printed by the Texas A & M University Press. The question of how to handle additional papers submitted for the Proceedings but not presented at the annual meeting was tabled until the next EXCOM meeting. Larry McEachron and Jamie Geiger will serve on the editorial committee this year.

Other business - Gary Matlock again brought up the need for a Historian/Archivist and will further assess this. The Fishery Scientist

Certification Program was discussed as well as the need for a paper on monetary values of saltwater fish. Also a letter was received from the Division proposing that chapter newsletters be sent to other chapters, as well as membership brochures upon availability. These proposals will be considered for the next EXCOM meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

Maury Ferguson (president-elect) reported that the site for the next annual meeting will be Port Aransas. The proposed date is September 14-15. An alternative date is September 21-22. The panel discussion topic this year will be on freshwater inflow to estuaries. Hal Osburn will be assisting Maury.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Mike Zeman reports that as of January 1 the treasury balance was \$1,548.59 and membership stood at 117.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The deadline for receiving abstracts of papers for presentation at this year's annual meeting will be August 1. As in the past, authors wishing to have their papers published in the Proceedings will be required to submit their completed copies of the paper at the annual meeting. Instructions for manuscript preparation are essentially the same as those used by the parent society for Transactions and can be found in the back of the most recent volume of that journal (Number 1) under "Guide for Authors". In the event more abstracts are received than the program can accommodate (as happened last year), the abstracts will be the only item used to determine which papers will be accepted for presentation. Authors are, therefore, encouraged to be especially diligent in preparation of abstracts. Abstracts should be sent directly to Dick Luebke, c/o Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Heart of the Hills Research Station, Junction Star Route Box 62, Ingram, Texas 78025.

COPIES OF PAST ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

Copies of past Annual Proceedings of the Texas Chapter are available from Mike Zeman (1259 Oregon St., Beaumont, Texas 77705). Send one dollar per volume requested to cover postage and packaging costs.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will be prepared in July. Anyone wishing to place items in the newsletter, contact Joe Tomasso (Aquatic Station, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas 78666, (512) 245-2284) before July 1. Randy Palachek and Pat Mazik are helping prepare the newsletter this year.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

The nominating committee will be taking nominations for president-elect. The office will be filled by popular vote at the Port Aransas meeting. Please send nominations to any member of nominating committee by June 1, 1984. Committee members are: Dennis Palafox (TP&W, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, 512/497-4864), Nick Carter (TP&W, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, 512/479-4800 ext. 2300), Victor Palma (TP&W, Route 10, Box 1043, Tyler, Texas 75707, 214/566-2161), Rich Noble (Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Texas A & M, College Station, Texas 77843, 409/845-5777), Gary Carmichael (U. S. F&WS, Route 1, Box 159 D, San Marcos, Texas 78666, 512/392-1214).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

The nominating committee will be taking nominations for awards to be presented at the next annual meeting. Send nominations to Phil Bettoli (Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Texas A & M, College Station, Texas 77843). Awards will be presented in four categories - culture, management, education, and research.

Past award winners are: 1983 Robert Kemp (management); 1982 Roger McCabe (management), Clell Guest (research), Bob Hofstetter (special); 1981 Steve Smith (management, Bill White (culture), Al Green (research), Bobby Whiteside (education), Jim Davis (special); 1979 Robert Stickney (culture), Phil Durocher (research), Gary Valentine (management), Rich Noble (education), Charles Inman (special); 1978 Pat Hutson (culture), Edward Lyles (special), Clark Hubbs (research and education); 1977 Don Steinbach (culture), Edward Bonn (management), John Prentice (research), Richard Clark (research), David Pritchard (special).

POSITION STATEMENTS BY AFS

The Environmental concerns committee of the American Fisheries Society is soliciting topics for consideration for developing a society position. Past position statements prepared include acid precipitation, nonpoint source pollution and sedimentation. Send ideas to Lynn B. Starnes (Tennessee Valley Authority, 450 Evans Building, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37902).

FISHERIES SCIENTIST CERTIFICATION

The American Fisheries Society offers a Fisheries Scientist Certification Program. The program is meant to serve as a means of upgrading the professional image and as a mark of accomplishment. The specific objectives of certification are as follows: (1) to provide governmental agencies, private firms, courts and the general public with a definitive minimum standard of experience and education for fisheries scientists, and (2) to foster broader recognition of the fisheries scientist as a well educated and experienced professional acting in the best interest of the public. For more information, contact the American Fisheries Society (5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland, 20014).