

No. 16	Estuaries Section	Lee Benaka
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TO: John Boreman, President
FROM: Lee Benaka, President, Estuaries Section
DATE: July 26, 2013

I. Motion Report

- (A) Recommended Motion: None
(B) Minority View: N/A
(C) Background for Motion: N/A

II. Activity Report

Objective 1.1. Promote fisheries conservation throughout North America and the world, at all levels of government and society, and among all levels of AFS by supporting sound science and networking opportunities.

- ◆ The Estuaries Section is sponsoring a symposium at the 2013 AFS Annual Meeting, which is entitled “Ecosystem Connections: Watershed Health, Anadromous Species, and Ocean Production.” This symposium includes presentations by active members of the Estuaries Section, including Treasurer Anthony Overton (East Carolina University) and incoming President-Elect Karin Limburg (State University of New York).
- ◆ Members of the Estuaries Section reviewed nominations for the Nancy Foster Habitat Conservation Award. The NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation (OHC) and the Estuaries Section announced Garry Mayer (NOAA Fisheries OHC, retired) and Mary Yoklavich (NOAA Fisheries Southwest Fisheries Science Center) as the award winners in Spring 2013.
- ◆ The Estuaries Section published and distributed two newsletters, including original articles, in Fall 2012 and Spring 2013.
- ◆ Incoming Section President-Elect Karin Limburg has agreed to serve as AFS liaison to the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation, succeeding Section member Tom Bigford.

Objective 1.3

Promote fisheries conservation through development and dissemination of public outreach materials.

- ◆ The Estuaries Section continues to update its Facebook page periodically with links to Section newsletters and AFS Annual Meeting information.

Objective 3.2. Enhance participation of students and professionals at all levels of the society to assure recruitment, retention, and leadership development into the future.

- ◆ The Estuaries Section is awarding four student travel awards for the 2013 AFS Annual Meeting. Two of the awards are sponsored by the Southern Association of Marine Laboratories.
- ◆ Dr. Karin Limburg was elected as President-Elect of the Section. Her two-year term will begin September 8, 2013.

Objective 3.5. Practice good governance and organizational management.

- ◆ The Estuaries Section submitted an annual financial report to the AFS Executive Director in August 2013.