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REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

TO: John Boreman, President

FROM: Doug Nygren, President, Fisheries Administration Section

DATE: August 8, 2013

I. Motion Report – Nothing to Report

II. Activity Report

(A) Summary of accomplishments consistent with goals and objectives of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) as described in the AFS Strategic Plan. for 2010-2014:

http://www.fisheries.org/afs/docs/about_sp.pdf.

***Goal 1: Global Fisheries Leadership:* AFS will be a global leader providing information and technical resources for the sustainability and conservation of fisheries resources.**

Objective 1.1: Strategy 1: Section Meetings

The spring FAS meeting was held in Kansas City, Ks May 15-17, 2013. Attendance was not large enough to reach a quorum. No official business decisions were made at the meeting. The agenda and minutes of the meeting are posted on the FAS webpages. <http://afsfisheriesadministration.wordpress.com/2013/05/03/spring-fas-meeting-details/>

Craig Bonds has been serving as the section's representative on the AFS Special Committee on Educational Requirements. Craig gave an update to the section at the spring meeting.

Scott Steuwe serves as the FAS' representative on the HaMAR effort. Scott updated the section at the spring meeting as well. Section members are very interested in the HaMAR symposium to be held in Little Rock.

We will be announcing the results of the election of a new president-elect and secretary-treasurer at the business meeting in Little Rock. Doug Nygren becomes past-president and Mike Stone takes over as section president for the next two years. John Biagi, current secretary-treasurer will be stepping down from that office.

The section unveiled a new website at the spring meeting. Ken Kurzawski and Doug Nygren will handle the web content for now. The links from the parent society to the site were updated and links to the old site have been re-directed. The new URL is: <http://afsfisheriesadministration.wordpress.com/>

Objective 1.1: Strategy 3: Officer Exchange Program

The AFS, in cooperation with the Fisheries Administration (FAS) and Fisheries Management (FMS) sections, participate in an annual officer exchange program with the Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM) based in the United Kingdom. AFS representatives provide the keynote address at the IFM annual conference, and the IFM Chairman participates in the FAS and FMS annual business meetings and provides an overview of fisheries issues important to the IFM at the Society's annual business meeting. Mike Stone, incoming FAS president will be representing the FAS\AFS at the IFM meeting in Cardiff, United Kingdom, October 22-24, 2013. www.ifm.org.uk.

Objective 1.2: Strategy 6: National Fish Habitat Action Plan

Section members continue to play an integral role with furthering the National Fish Habitat Action Plan and the Reservoir Fish Habitat Partnership (RFHP). The President of the Fisheries Administration Section serves as a standing member of the RFHP Executive Committee, but because Doug Nygren is already representing the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Don Gabelhouse now represents the FAS section at this time. The RFHP Executive Committee meets again in Erie PA on September 30th through October 3rd.

Objective 1.2: Strategy 7: Networking with the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

The section will be discussing the possibility of another spring meeting concurrent with the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Denver, Colorado, March 9-14, 2014.

Goal 3: Value of Membership: AFS will serve its members and fisheries, aquaculture, and aquatic science constituencies to fulfill the mission of the Society.

Objective 3.1: Strategy 8: Outstanding Sport Fish Restoration Awards Program

The annual Sport Fish Restoration outstanding project awards given by the FAS of the AFS are intended to both highlight the importance and effectiveness of the Sport Fish Restoration program and recognize excellence in fisheries management, research, and education. The Sport Fish Restoration Program, also known as the Dingell-Johnson or Wallop-Breaux program after its primary Congressional sponsors, is an excise tax collected on fishing tackle, boats, and motorboat fuel. Revenues are returned to the states to enhance fisheries and boating activities. The program was first created in 1950 and has provided nearly **\$6 billion** toward better fishing and boating.

The FAS recognizes the critical importance of this program for state fisheries agencies, but also knows that the program is subject to periodic reauthorization by Congress and ongoing scrutiny from the users who pay the excise tax. This annual awards program helps identify and showcase outstanding fisheries projects from across the country and, it is hoped, generates continued support for the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Outstanding projects are recognized each year in the following categories: Sport Fishery Development and Management (access, facilities, and habitat acquisition or improvement), Research and Surveys, and Aquatic Education. The project nomination deadline is July 15th each year. Award winners for 2012 were announced at the meeting in St Paul. Kansas was selected for the Sport Fishery Development and Management (access, facilities, and habitat acquisition or improvement) for their Fishing Impoundments and Stream Habitats (FISH) private water leasing program, Idaho won the Research and Surveys for their Tag It Your It project, and Iowa won in the category of Aquatic Education for Fish Iowa! Urban Fishing Program Development and Case Study.

Mike Stone will announce the 2013 award winners at the FAS business meeting in Little Rock.

- (B) Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration.
Nothing to Report

III. Financial Status

Provided separately to the Executive Director.