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2013 Report to the AFS Governing Board

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I. Motion Report

There are no motions or budget implications in this report.

II. Activity Report

Goal 1. Global Fisheries Leadership

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 Fisheries Management Section (FMS) provides networking opportunities via our newsletter, meetings, and sponsoring symposia.

Strategy 1. Continue to host and sponsor excellent conferences and meetings at local, regional, and international levels of AFS to provide the platform for managers and scientists to exchange ideas.

The majority of FMS activities during the 2012 fiscal year have focused on preparations for the 2013 meeting in Little Rock. FMS is participating in the "Propagated Fish in Resource Management" review.

Objective 1.1 Strategy 2. Maintain and improve the excellence and expedience of AFS publications.

FMS is providing funding for the production of a text book "*Foundations of Fisheries Science*".

Objective 1.1 Strategy 3. Identify and network with global professional and conservation organizations to promote mutual goals of conservation and encourage cooperation among professionals of different scientific societies.

Jointly with the Fisheries Administration Section, the FMS continued the AFS exchange program with the Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM) based in the British Isles. We sent current FMS president, Brian Graeb, to the annual conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. We are exploring ways to expand the exchange program to include students and/or young professionals. Eamon Cusak, Chairman of the Institute of Fisheries Management, will be attending our business meeting to give an update about IFM activities.

Objective 1.2 Increase science-based fisheries conservation by increasing interactions with AFS members and government policy makers.

Strategy 3. Increase policy activity by producing additional science-based position statements, conferences, books, and symposia on important fisheries topics while maintaining and updating current position statements

FMS continues to be involved in follow up to the completion of the book *Standard Methods for Sampling North American Freshwater Fishes*. Scott Bonar, Wayne Hubert and David Willis led this project which resulted in the book being published in the summer of 2009. We continue to participate in the efforts to develop a database to support the book.

Goal 3. Value of Membership

Objective 3.1. Determine and respond to the needs and opinions of AFS members.

Strategy 8. Encourage recognition of volunteer contributions to the success of the Society at all levels through awards and other mechanisms.

The FMS will recognize several fisheries professionals with section awards this year.

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.

Strategy 1. Provide a wide array of opportunities for college and university students and professionals at all levels to participate in AFS and experience the benefits of membership.

The FMS provided a \$500 contribution for student travel to AFS meetings administered by the AFS Equal Opportunities Section. This is approved on a continuing basis as a line-item in the FMS annual budget.

The FMS formed an *ad hoc* committee with the goal of identifying ways that FMS can better serve students and young professionals. The committee will report to the membership at the annual business meeting.

(B) Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration: None