

No. 63	Hatcheries and Management of Aquatic Resources (HaMAR) Committee	Jesse Trushenski
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TO: **John Boreman**, President
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DATE: August 3, 2013

I. Motion Report – (2 pages max)

(A) Recommended Motion: None.

(B) Minority View: None.

(C) Background for Motion: None.

II. Activity Report (5 pages max)

(A) Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area in Strategic Plan.

The HaMAR (formerly “PFIRM II”) Committee’s efforts support AFS by addressing the following elements of the current AFS strategic plan:

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

- ♦ Goal 3: Value of Membership
 - Objective 3.4. Develop innovative and cost effective methods to make fisheries science and management information readily available to AFS members and all levels of government entities worldwide.

The HaMAR Committee has completed a number of tasks during the past six months:

Fact-finding session held at AQUA 2013

Based on the priority topics identified by the scoping survey conducted during the previous reporting period, a small number of presentations were solicited for the AQUA 2013 conference (Nashville, TN, Feb. 21-25). Ten papers were presented on topics such as hatchery reform in Washington and Idaho to South Carolina, emerging disease issues and how these affect hatchery operation, and the effectiveness of non-traditional restoration partnerships. Many participants

also presented in related sessions organized by others involved in hatchery operation and use of hatchery-origin fish. These additional papers will also be sourced for use by the HaMAR committee during preparation of revised guidance addressing hatcheries and use of hatchery-origin fish.

Fact-finding session to be held at AFS 2013

A symposium, also based on the topics identified by the scoping survey, was developed for AFS 2013 (Little Rock, AR, Setp. 8-12). This symposium is being supported by funds provided by the Fish Culture Section, Introduced Fishes Section, and Fisheries Management Section. More than 40 papers are to be presented during the 2 ½-day symposium, on topics as far-ranging as genetics, disease management, socioeconomics, monitoring and adaptive management, biosecurity and environmental impacts, and alternative rearing strategies, all related to production and uses of hatchery-origin fish. These papers, along with those presented at AQUA 2013, will serve to inform the revised guidance regarding hatcheries and hatchery-origin fish that the HaMAR committee will produce.

Other

Two articles have appeared in Fisheries magazine, highlighting the activities of the HaMAR group:

Trushenski, J.T. 2013. Hatcheries and management of aquatic resources (HaMAR) group focuses attention on issues surrounding hatcheries and hatchery-origin fish and shellfish. Fisheries 38:140.

Trushenski, J.T. 2013. New and ongoing Society initiatives to craft a lasting partnership between AFS and all things aquaculture. Fisheries 38:285.

These articles have attracted attention from a variety of stakeholders, interested in HaMAR and AFS's overall reemergence in the aquaculture arena.

(B) Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration. None.
