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I. Motion Report – (2 pages max)

No Motions

II. Activity Report (5 pages max)

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

The AFS Liaison to the Japanese Society of Fisheries Science (JSFS) supports AFS's aspiration to build partnerships with other natural resource professional and scientific organizations to achieve common goals. Specifically, this position addresses the following AFS Goals, Objectives, and Strategies:

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 level of AFS by supporting sound science and networking opportunities.

Strategies: (7) identify and network with global professional and conservation organizations to promote mutual goals of conservation and encourage cooperation among professionals of different scientific societies; and (8) help lead the World Council of Fisheries Societies and strive to unite fisheries scientists worldwide to improve knowledge and conservation of the world's fish stocks; and (13) continue to pursue international relationships and establishment of additional units as needed worldwide.

ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Continued to build ongoing relationship with JSFS leadership. This included interactions during the AFS annual meeting in St. Paul, and ongoing email communications about activities in AFS, JSFS, and associated organizations.
- ◆ Provided advice to help inform interactions with South Korean hosts of the 2016 World Fisheries Congress.
- ◆ Advised AFS leadership regarding involvement in March 2013 JSFS annual meeting in Tokyo.

- ◆ Attended as an invited participant a conference in Tokyo in November 2012 on “The Accidents at Fukushima Dai-Ichi: Exploring the Impacts of Radiation on the Ocean,” and presented a poster.
- ◆ Spoke, by invitation, at the JSFS 80th Anniversary Symposium in Tokyo in March, 2013. My talk addressed the “grand challenges” in fisheries science and conservation and the role of professional societies in addressing them. This occurred in conjunction with the JSFS annual meeting, where I also attended the meeting of the JSFS International Committee.
- ◆ President-elect Bob Hughes also attended the JSFS March 2013 meeting, the International Committee meeting, and the 80th Anniversary Symposium. Discussions focused on continuing relationships with the JSFS, and opportunities for increasing interactions with other societies.
- ◆ A report from the 2013 annual/spring JSFS meeting was submitted for possible publication in Fisheries, supported by photos:

Several AFS members attended the 2013 spring meeting of the Japanese Society of Fisheries Science (JSFS), held at the Tokyo-Shinagawa campus of the Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology (TUMSAT). President-elect Bob Hughes addressed the annual business meeting of the JSFS and provided a salutation at the banquet. Hughes and AFS-JSFS Liaison, past-president Barbara Knuth, attended the JSFS International Committee meeting chaired by Dr. Shuichi Satoh, with counterparts from the Korean Society of Fisheries and Aquatic Science (KoSFAS), to discuss opportunities for continued collaboration; plans are underway for a joint JSFS-AFS symposium at the 2014 AFS annual meeting. Doug Beard, President of the World Council of Fisheries Societies (WCFS), met with Dr. Taek Jeong Nam, KoSFAS past-president, and Dr. Shugo Watabe, JSFS President and Vice President of the WCFS, to discuss plans for the 7th World Fisheries Congress to be held in November, 2016, in Busan, South Korea. Knuth was the invited Keynote speaker to kick off the JSFS 80th Anniversary Symposium, speaking about the Grand Challenges for fisheries science and the role of education in building social capacity for fisheries and ocean stewardship. Beard also spoke at the Symposium, addressing the successful collaborations of the JSFS and AFS over the past eight years through several joint symposia and highlighting the mission of the World Council of Fisheries Societies. Mike Miller gave a contributed presentation at the conference, on the distribution and diversity of marine larval eels in the western Pacific and Indian Oceans.

(B) Recommendations or Suggestions for Future Consideration.

I recommend AFS leadership consider the value of an AFS officer attending the JSFS annual meeting. In March 2013, President-elect Bob Hughes attended, and can provide insight regarding the potential value that could accrue from consistent officer involvement in JSFS annual meetings, in addition to the JSFS liaison. (NOTE: The AFS-JSFS liaison occurs at no cost to the society; the liaison bears travel costs.)
