Bylaws of
SOCIOECONOMICS SECTION

of the

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

Section I
Name and Objectives

1) The name of this organization shall be SOCIOECONOMICS SECTION of the American Fisheries Society, hereafter referred to as the Section, as provided for in the Bylaws of the Society.

2) The general objectives of the Socioeconomics section shall be those of the American Fisheries Society as set forth in the Constitution of the Society. The specific objectives of the Section shall be

   a) To further the attainment of knowledge about fisheries economics, anthropology, sociology and related disciplines.

   b) To provide a forum for identifying and bringing attention to bear on issues and problems relating to the social, cultural and economic aspects in the management and development of fisheries resources.

   c) To provide a forum for addressing biological, economic, social, and environmental and other fisheries management needs.

   d) To work for the furtherance of economics education in fishery science.

   e) To provide advice to the Executive Director relative to fisheries social, cultural, and economic matters.

   f) To encourage communication among all fisheries scientists, administrators, and other interested in fisheries economics, anthropology, sociology and related disciplines.

   g) To encourage publication of issues, policies, and scientific papers dealing with fisheries economics, anthropology, sociology and related disciplines.

Section II
Membership

Membership in the Socioeconomics section shall be composed of Society members in good standing who apply for membership, after payment of annual dues.

Section III
Meetings

1. The Section shall hold at least one meeting annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. Special meetings may be called by the Section president with the consent of a majority of the Executive Committee of the Section.

2. The Section shall periodically conduct marine fisheries conferences, workshops, and technical sessions. The Section may meet jointly with other organizations but will request official organizational recognition.

Section IV
Officers

1. The officers of the Socioeconomics section shall include a president, president-elect, and secretary-treasurer. They shall serve for a period of one year or until a successor is duly elected. The president-elect shall, upon completion of his term, accede to the Presidency.

2. Officers shall be ineligible for re-election to the same office within one year of their expired terms except that the secretary-treasurer may be reelected and could serve two consecutive terms.

3. Election of officers shall be by mail ballot. The ballot will consist of two nominees in good standing for each office. Votes for write-in candidates can be cast on the official ballot. Ballots will be furnished to the membership by May 15. Ballots postmarked before July 1 shall be counted. Results of the election shall be announced by mail. Elected officers shall be installed and take office at the annual meeting of the Society.

4. In the event of a vacated position the Section Executive Committee shall, by majority vote, appoint a replacement to complete the remainder of the term.

5. Officers or appointed committee members may not receive compensation for their services. Travel expenses may be defrayed when authorized by the Executive Committee. Clerical and other necessary expenses may be paid from Section monies when so authorized by the Executive Committee.

Section V
Duties of Officers

1. President – The president shall serve as Chairperson of the Section Executive Committee, preside at all meetings of the Section, appoint all committees, and chairpersons thereof, except as they may be designated in these bylaws and serve as ex officio member of all committees. The president shall submit an annual report to the Executive Committee of the Society. The president also shall represent the Section on the Executive Committee of the Society, and shall make appointments and perform such duties related to the Section as the Society may deem necessary.

2. President-Elect – The president-elect shall assume the duties of the president if the president is absent, and shall insure that all functions of the Section are in compliance with the bylaws.

3. Secretary-Treasurer – The secretary-treasury shall maintain a current list of the membership, collect and be custodial to all Section funds and keep a record of all receipts and disbursements, present a semi-annual report to the Executive Committee, and an annual report to the membership. He or she shall submit a report to the Executive Director of the Society within 30 days after the annual meeting of the Section is held and at other times as requested by the Executive Committee of the Society.

Section VI
Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Section and the immediate past president.

2. The Executive Committee shall have authority to determine policies, conduct business and approve expenditures consistent with the objectives of the Section.

3. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held whenever the president of a majority of the Committee deems it necessary. Business and voting of the Executive Committee may be conducted by mail.

Section VII
Voting and Quorum

1. Decisions at meetings of the Section shall be in accord with the Constitution of the Society.

2. A quorum at an annual meeting for the transaction of official business shall consist of 10 members of the Section.

Section VIII
Fees and Assessments

The Executive Committee may assess fees as provided by the Constitution of the Society. Payment shall be made to the treasurer and deposited in the Section bank account for disbursement as determined by the Executive Committee of the Section.

Section IX
Amendments to Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Section may be amended in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society