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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Paul Hammerschmidt

The new state fiscal year is upon us, and ArkLaTex 2000 is just around the corner.

Charlie is doing a tremendous job coordinating with Arkansas and Louisiana in the preparation of the ArkLaTex 2000 joint meeting.

Last newsletter I mentioned those TCAFS members who are state employees may be required to stay in Texas and commute to Shreveport. That ruling has been reversed, and out-of-state travel will be approved, at least by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Now is the time to plan for the TCAFS meeting and let your supervisors know.

In addition, get with Gordon Linam if you have a presentation you are interested in making during the technical session. He needs all proposals ASAP so they can go through the Chapter's review process.

If you had a chance to attend the National meeting in North Carolina, I would be interested in hearing from you via e-mail about how the meeting went, and any hot-button issues discussed.

Finally, PLEASE REVIEW THE Fishery Workers' Directory on Line. We need to get updated information about you in order to keep the Directory current.

Hope all goes well with you this fall. See you in Shreveport in January.

Thanks.

ArkLaTex 2000

The Texas Chapter AFS meeting will be a joint meeting with the Arkansas and Louisiana Chapters and will be held in Bossier City, Louisiana, January 23-25, 2000. Out of state travel has been authorized for TPWD employees, so all will be staying at the meeting.

There is a lot to do in Bossier City so come prepared to learn and have fun. We are planning two concurrent technical sessions so get your presentation ready and send your abstract to Gordon Linam at 505 Staples Road, San Marcos, TX 78666, gordon.linam@tpwd.state.tx.us. The deadline for presentation submission is November 3, 1999.

Here's a list of some of the fun things available in Bossier City.

*The American Rose Center
Louisiana Downs Horse Racing
Red River Water Taxi
Casino's
Riverfront Entertainment District
Shreveport Mudbugs Hockey
The Strand and many other Theatres*



*Many Museums and Galleries
Sci-Port Discovery Center and IMAX
Fish the Red River and Cross Lake
Golf*

**ArkLaTex 2000
January 23-25, 2000
Proposed Agenda**

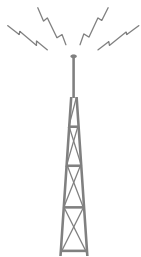
Holiday Inn Bossier City

We have an exciting set of continuing education courses offered on Sunday afternoon, January 23rd from 2-4 PM. All sessions will be offered concurrently at 2 PM then again at 3 PM so you will be able to attend 2 of the 3 sessions. Bruce Ransom of Hydroacoustic Technology, Inc will be conducting a class on Fish Sampling with Hydroacoustics. Loraine Fries of TPWD and possibly others will present a class on Interpretation of Electrophoresis Data. This class will also include information on new genetics techniques such as microsatellite DNA analysis. The third class will be conducted by Bob Pittman of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and will be about Exotic Species Issues.

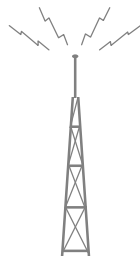
Our panel discussion will be on the topic "Vegetation Control and Fisheries Management" and will feature four speakers from different viewpoints and backgrounds. The panel will consist of Jerry Dean of Honeyhole and S.M.A.R.T., Sam Pittman of SePRO, Mike Freeze of Keo Fish Farms, and Debbie Magin of the Guadalupe/Blanco River Authority. The moderator of this session will be Don Turman of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

We will be having our regular raffle and auction so get out and collect some stuff for the meeting. Everything you are able to get for the auction or raffle goes directly to helping your Chapter. If you would like to volunteer as a moderator for technical sessions or assist with AV equipment, please contact Charlie Munger at PO Box 835 Canyon, TX, 79015, (806) 655-4341, or cmunger@arn.net.

Mark your calendars for this event and send your registration form in early. There will be a special prize and raffle ticket for people who register early.



NEWS FLASH



Texas Parks & Wildlife Employees

Authorization has cleared for approved out-of-state travel to ArkLaTex 2000 in Bossier City, LA. Authorization will be available through in-line supervisors. Please plan on attending and get your registration in early.

Sunday, January 23

2-4 PM Continuing Education
Fish Sampling with Hydroacoustics
Bruce Ransom, HTI
Interpretation of Electrophoresis Data
Loraine Fries, TPWD
Exotic Species Issues
Bob Pittman, USFWS

7-9 PM Student/Professional Mixer

Monday, January 24

8-10 AM Plenary Session/Panel

Discussion

"Vegetation Control and Fisheries Management"

Jerry Dean – Honeyhole/S.M.A.R.T., Sam Pittman –
SePRO
Mike Freeze – Keo Fish Farms
Debbie Magin – Guadalupe/Blanco River Authority

10-10:30 Break

10:30 – Noon Concurrent Technical Sessions

Noon – 1 PM Lunch on your own

1-2:30 PM Concurrent Technical Sessions

2:30 – 3 PM Break

3-5 PM Concurrent Technical Sessions

6-7 PM Social

7-10 PM Banquet (Keynote speaker,
Auction, Raffle)

Tuesday, January 25

8-10 AM Concurrent Technical Sessions

10-10:30 Break

10:30 – Noon Chapter Business Meetings



Motel Registration

Bossier City Holiday Inn

We have reserved a block of 125 rooms for January 23 and 24. The cutoff date for the guaranteed room rate is January 3, 2000. The room rate is \$65 per room, regardless of single, double, triple or quad. The room rate does not include the 11% tax or the breakfast buffet. Individuals are responsible for their own reservations and payment.

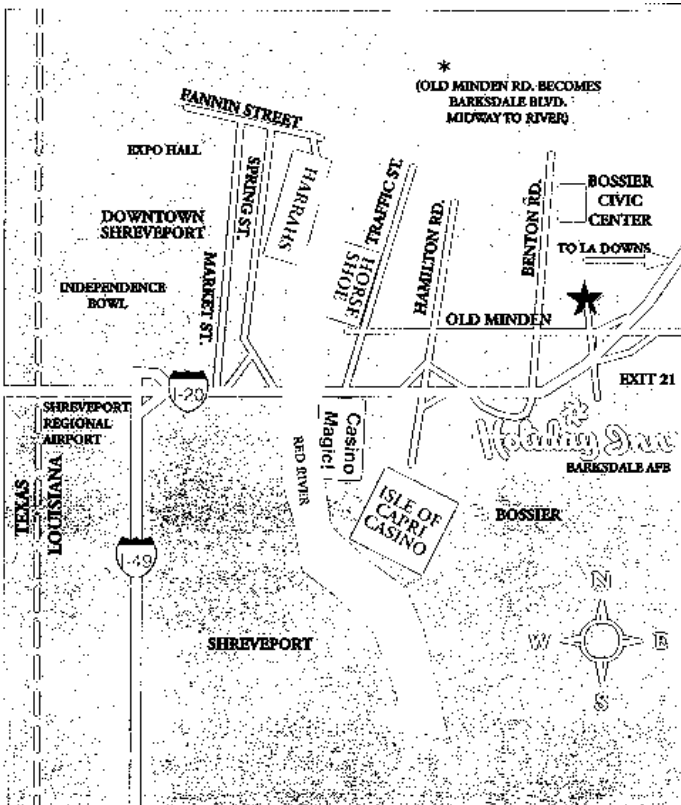
Ask for "AFS 2000" when registering.

Holiday Inn
2015 Old Minden Road,
Bossier City, LA 71111
I-20, Exit 21
[Old Minden Road, west of I-20]
(318) 742-9700 Ask for "AFS 2000"

TIME'S RUNNING OUT...

CALL FOR PAPERS!

ArkLaTex 2000 is fast approaching. Deadline for presentation submittals is Wednesday, November 3. Abstracts should be sent to Gordon Linam, 505 Staples Road, San Marcos, TX 78666 or can be emailed to gordon.linam@tpwd.state.tx.us. Concurrent sessions are planned this year in order to accommodate the expected increase in papers generated by having a joint meeting. So get them fish counted, bugs picked, standard deviations calculated, and abstracts written so that we can have the best show of papers in our Chapter's history.



WE WANT YOUR VOTE

The Chapter will vote on a President-elect at the 2000 meeting in Bossier City, La. Last year we tried a mail-in ballot but had few ballots sent in. This year we have a new incentive: A PRIZE. On December 1 we will mail out a letter with the nominees' resume and their vision for the Texas Chapter in the future. A post card mail-in ballot will be included so you can vote even if you cannot make it to the meeting. This will also give you a chance to vote before you come to the meeting. Everyone who mails in their ballot will be eligible for a GREAT prize in a drawing to be held at the meeting. However you don't have to be present to win. If you come to the meeting and have not voted yet, there will be a voting table at the registration desk.

If you have a person you want the Nominating Committee to consider for President-elect contact John Moczygamba at (701 East Main, Whitesboro, TX 76273; 903-786-2389). I would also like to welcome Joe Kraai (TPWD) and Jay Rooker (TAMU) to the Nominating Committee for 1999.



Fisheries Workers Awards Nominations Needed

There is absolutely no question that there are Outstanding Fisheries Workers in our midst in the Texas Chapter American Fisheries Society. They are right there in your office and are working in your field of interest! If you have ever thought how some recognition of your efforts would be nice, then you need identify those persons who have some reason for recognition and start the process. Let's face it, with the annual meeting of the Texas Chapter American Fisheries Society coming up in January, it's the perfect time to think about giving the gift that keeps on giving: a nomination for one of the Chapter's awards.

Each year nominations are solicited for Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year in six (6) categories: Administration, Culture, Education, Management, Research, and Technical Support.

One award may be made per category. The nominee must be a member in good standing of the Chapter. The award is based on fisheries-related work accomplished in Texas and can span more than one year. Criteria for the awards follow the "nomination form" below.

Additionally, an award for Special Recognition in Fisheries Work can be made, when warranted. This award can recognize the efforts of individuals who do not belong to the Chapter, or whose efforts do not readily fall within one of the formal categories above. Criteria for the awards follow the "nomination form" below.

How do you nominate someone? Simple, just complete the following "form" and mail or email to: John A Prentice, HCO 7, Box 62, Ingram, TX 78025-9324; jprentic@kctc.com.

NOMINATION FORM-----

Nominator:

Nominee:

Address:

Award: Outstanding Fisheries Worker ___ Special Recognition___

Category: Administration ___ Culture ___ Education ___
Management ___ Research___ Technical Support___

Accomplishments (List criteria-specific accomplishments):

Other Accomplishments:

END FORM-----



AWARD CRITERIA

Administration

- 1) Development of innovative management programs, research activities, or facilities that significantly affect fisheries management and conservation on a regional or statewide level.
- 2) Leadership in implementation of regulations or management programs that address regional or statewide fisheries issues.
- 3) Development of new sources of funding for fisheries programs.
- 4) Leadership in the development of public outreach or recognition/award programs.
- 5) Significant and effective promotion of fisheries management and conservation activities on a regional or statewide level.

Culture

- 1) Development of techniques that produce fish more safely, more efficiently, or more economically.
- 2) Development of methods that produce species not formerly cultured.
- 3) Development of procedures that produce more fish.
- 4) Participation in the development of equipment that benefited fish culture.
- 5) Promotion of fish culture.
- 6) Participation in the production of a record number of fish (may be station- or species-specific).

Education

- 1) Development of an innovative approach to fisheries education as illustrated through development of a new or revised course or curriculum.
- 2) Publication of a journal article, extension publication, book, or book chapter that contributed significantly to fisheries education.
- 3) Contribution of notable service in public education programs.
- 4) Development of educational media (software, videotape, slide-tape, etc.) that contributed significantly to fisheries education.
- 5) Outstanding contributions to the profession through service as an officer or other leader of an educational organization ((e.g., the Education Section of the American Fisheries Society).

Management

- 1) Development of management plans or strategies or implementation of management practices (reservoir or pond management plans, pre-impoundment work, habitat work, development of urban fisheries). This would include private water work.

- 2) Education of the public in areas of fishing or fisheries management (conducting fishing clinics, educational programs, contact with various media, development of brochures, newsletters, bulletin boards, fliers, popular articles, etc.).
- 3) Coordination with different agencies (cities, counties, or federal government) or reservoir controlling authorities to develop or implement management strategies.
- 4) Participation in professional scientific organizations in the fisheries field to include offices held, committees served on, or other activities accomplished for the organization.

Research

- 1) Research contribution should add to the understanding of a biological problem or to solving a resource problem.
- 2) Research contribution can be basic, applied, or a combination.
- 3) Research contribution should have been disseminated, in order of importance, in a peer-reviewed journal, non-peer reviewed publication, or an oral presentation.
- 4) Participation in professional and public organizations in the fisheries research field that comment on, advise, or review research activities.
- 5) In order of importance, the nominee's role in a research project should be directing the project or program, establishing the project or program, analyzing data, or conceiving the project or program.

Technical Support

- 1) Development of new or improved design and/or construction of equipment used in field sampling, culture, lab analyses, etc.
- 2) Participation in some outstanding or unique management, research or culture activities which aided the fisheries profession.
- 3) Participation in education programs for fisheries workers or the public.
- 4) Accomplishments resulting in new or improved techniques or efficiency.

Remember – Everything about this award and recognition program starts with YOU nominating someone!



AUGUST EXCOM MINUTES

by Deborah Wade



Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Scholarship Program

The endowments committee of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is seeking deserving students enrolled in fisheries related curricula that are interested in applying for scholarships. The scholarship program began in 1989 with one \$150 scholarship. In 1999, four \$500 scholarships were awarded. The only requirements of the applicants are that they are members of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and that they are enrolled in a university where they are pursuing a degree in fisheries related curricula.

This year, the TCAFS is allowing all qualified students who are interested to apply. The deadline for applying is December 1, 1999. You can obtain an application from:

Michael Brice
Texas Parks and Wildlife
3802 East End Blvd South
Marshall, Texas 75672
903-938-1007
903-938-8652 FAX
tpwdif3a@prysm.net

A copy of the application can also be accessed from the TCAFS homepage.

STUDENT ROOMS AVAILABLE

Students enrolled in a Fisheries related curriculum are eligible to receive free housing at the TCAFS Annual meeting. However, only two rooms are available (max of 8 students) and any students that stay in the free rooms will be expected to work and help out with the meeting. For information contact Dr. Kevin Pope at (806) 742-2843 or kpope@ttu.edu.

August 18, 1999, call to order at 9:00 am

Attendance: Kevin Pope, Michael Brice, Brian Van Zee, Bruce Hysmith, Bobby Miller, Gordon Linam, John Prentice, Paul Hammerschmidt, Deborah Wade, John Moczygemba, Fred Janson, Charlie Munger

The meeting was called to order by Paul Hammerschmidt, each of the standing committee chairpersons reported on the status of their committee.

Awards – John Prentice agreed to take over as chairperson for this committee and will begin soliciting input for recognition.

Nominations – Candidates for the office of president elect are being approached. Ways to increase membership use of mail-in balloting protocols were discussed at length.

Publicity/Exhibits – Bobby Miller is the new chair for this committee and is seeking raffle and auction items for the annual meeting as well as committee members.

Membership – One new member has joined since the last EXCOM meeting.

Continuing Education – Plans for the Annual meeting are underway.

Endowments - The deadline for scholarship applications is December 1. The application is on-line and available now. Two rooms will be set aside for students at the annual meeting, with scholarship recipients having preference.

Student Outreach - No report

Editorial – Two manuscripts were submitted for the proceedings and a call for papers will be in the September newsletter. Distribution methods for the Pond Management document will be discussed at the next ExCom meeting. Pictures have been obtained from Joe Tomelleri and are being incorporated into the document. Rebecca Hensley is leaving Texas to go to Florida. Her work and support will be sorely missed.

Pond Management – was discussed during Editorial committee report

Exotic Species – Sam Pittman has been contacted regarding the panel discussion at the annual meeting.

Fishery Workers Directory – Methods to insure that the information is up to date and reliable were discussed at length.

Stocks at Risk - No report

TCAFS Home Page - Updates to the home page will be made in the near future. There will also be updated links to the fishery workers database and meeting information.

Newsletter - 175 copies of the last newsletter were mailed out, 108 copies were sent out to members along with 67

complementary copies. In addition, 152 newsletters were sent out via email.

ArkLaTex 2000 - January meeting updates. Louisiana is handling the facility arrangements and has chosen the Holiday Inn in Bossier City as the meeting site. Arkansas is handling all of the arrangements for the socials and banquet. This leaves us with arranging the technical sessions and coordination registration.

The panel discussion has been setup and the topic is Vegetation Control in Fisheries Management. The panel will consist of Jerry Dean, Sam Pittman, Mike Freeze, and Debbie Magin. Don Turman will be the Moderator.

Bob Carline and Gus Rassam have been contacted and depending on their schedules one or both will be asked to speak at the plenary session. Two concurrent technical sessions will be run at the annual meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Deborah Wade

Financial report:

Checking	\$ 8,598.00
Mutual Funds	\$29,173.00
TOTAL	\$37,696.00

Expenses:

Plaques for January meeting	\$ 245.00
Bob Carline	\$ 204.70
Kinko's	\$ 242.00
Kevin Fagg	\$ 75.00

Income:

Dividends (May, June, July)	\$ 722.00
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Net change (\$ 44.70)

JOIN THE TEXAS CHAPTER

If you are interested in joining or renewing your membership to the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, you can get membership materials at our web site <http://www.sdafs.org/tcafs/default.htm> or contact **Dr. Kevin Pope, Box 42125, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409-2125, (806) 742-2843, kpope@ttu.edu** or the newsletter editor to obtain application information.

**Next Newsletter submission deadline:
November 22, 1999Winter Issue**

Submissions are encouraged. Submit a hard copy or a .TXT file by mail or email to the editor at **tpw1a@arn.net**

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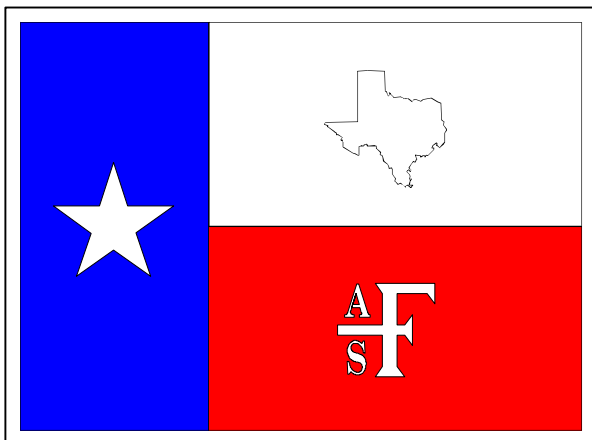
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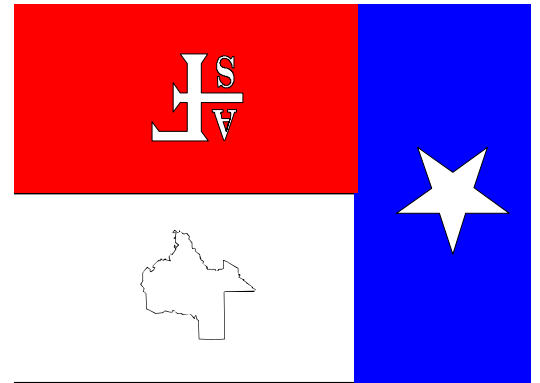
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