



REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

TO: Fred Harris, President, AFS

FROM: Mary C. Fabrizio, President, Marine Fisheries Section

DATE: 14 July 2003

I. Action

Action Requested: None
Recommended Motion: None
Minority View: None
Background for Motion: Not Applicable

II. Outcome or Accomplishments in Relation to the Society's Strategic Plan

Charge or Annual Program of Work:

The objectives of the Marine Fisheries Section are:

- To further the attainment of knowledge about marine fisheries.
- To provide a forum for identifying and bringing attention to bear on issues and problems relating to the management and development of marine resources.
- To provide a forum for addressing biological, economic, social and environmental and other marine fisheries research needs.
- To work for the furtherance of education in marine fishery science.
- To provide advice to the Executive Director relative to marine fisheries matters.
- To encourage communication among all fisheries scientists, administrators and others interested in marine fisheries.
- To encourage publication of issues, policies and scientific papers dealing with marine fisheries.

Outcome and Accomplishments Organized by Major Goal with Subgoal Referenced:

Information Transfer and Outreach:

ITO 2.3 Provided AFS President with statements concerning "The Cutting Edge Science that will Influence Policy: Major Research and Conservation Concerns." Along with the Estuarine Research Federation President Dennis Allen, President Harris used the material from the MFS in a joint presentation made to Congressional staffers on the Hill in March 2003.

ITO 3.1 Partnered with NOAA-Fisheries and the Government Printing Office to distribute and sell a new book edited by MFS member Emory Anderson, 'The Raymond J. H. Beverton Lectures at Woods Hole, Massachusetts.' An announcement on the availability of the book and purchasing instructions were posted on the Section's web page. All Section members were notified via e-mail. Doug Vaughan is distributing the book for the Section. Jack Pearce prepared a book review for *Marine Pollution Bulletin* (expected publication in summer 2003). A copy of the book was sent by request to the editor of *Fisheries Research* so that a book review could be performed.

ITO 3.1 Provided support (in past year) to an international workshop "Training Managers for 21st Century Fisheries" held in New Zealand, December 2001. The report from the workshop was recently published (June 2003) by Oregon State University (available on-line: <<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/trainfishmngnr/>>).

ITO 4.1 The Marine Fisheries Section's web site was enhanced by including a section on sponsored meetings and symposia. Special thanks to Edgar Kleindinst for maintaining our web page and posting periodic updates.

ITO 5.5 Reviewed drafts of two position statements for AFS: (1) The Section's Executive Committee provided comments to the AFS Executive Director on a white paper titled 'Fisheries Issues and Ocean Policy.' (2) A group of Section members provided extensive comments on the 'Guidelines for the Use of Fishes in Research,' a document compiled by the Use of Fishes in Research Committee.

Member Services:

MS 1 The Marine Fisheries Section is pleased to present the 2003 Oscar E. Sette Award to Dr. Michael P. Sissenwine. The presentation will be made at the Section's business meeting in Quebec. Dr. Sissenwine is currently the Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor at NOAA-Fisheries; he has published over 100 scholarly works on a wide range of topics and is active with many international organizations focusing on global fisheries policy including ICES, FAO, and ICCAT. The section is grateful to Desmond Kahn [Chair], Ed Houde, Dick Stone, and Pat Gerrior, members of the 2003 Sette Award Committee.

MS 1.5 To increase student involvement in the Society, the Section formed a Travel Award Committee; Russell Brown served as the Chair for 2002-03. Four awards were provided to marine fisheries students in 2003 to assist with travel costs associated with attending the AFS annual meeting. In addition, the MFS lowered annual dues to \$2.00 for student members; this will become effective with the 2004 membership year.

MS 2.1 The Section is sponsoring the following symposia:

- Large-Scale Fishery Independent Surveys: Looking to the Future by Learning from the Past. Symposium at the 2003 AFS Annual

Meeting in Quebec organized by John Boreman, Tim Smith, Linda Despres, Noel Cadigan, John Hoenig, and Jeff Schaeffer.

- Predation Impacts on Depressed Fish Stocks. Symposium at the 2003 AFS Annual Meeting in Quebec organized by Daniel Duplisea and Jason Link.
- Propagated Fish in Resource Management. Meeting organized by Vince Mudrak and co-sponsored by the Fisheries Administrators Section; meeting held June 2003 in Boise, ID.

MS 3.1 Used the internet to facilitate information exchange among MFS members:

- All sponsored symposia (see MS 2.1) were announced on the Section's web page and via e-mail.
- The Section's Newsletter was revived with Donna Johnson serving as Newsletter Editor. The Winter and Spring 2003s issue was delivered to over 300 MFS members via e-mail; an additional 25-50 were delivered via standard mail.

MS 4.1 Provided \$300 to the Equal Opportunities Section to support the travel of under-represented groups to the AFS annual meeting.

MS 4.4 In response to President Harris' request for increased participation by marine professionals on AFS committees, several Section members were appointed to serve on various committees. James Brister serves on the Membership Concerns Committee; John Merriner, Max Stocker, Selina Heppell, and Bill Fox serve on the Membership Committee; Churchill Grimes and Joe Margraf serve on the North American Fisheries Action Plan Committee.

Aquatic Stewardship:

AS 1.1 and AS 1.5 Provided \$500 support to the Mote Symposium on "Confronting Tradeoffs in the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management," held 5-7 November 2002, Sarasota, FL.

AS 3.3 Provided list of topics (marine fisheries issues) to the External Affairs Committee for development into a series of popular articles to educate the public (through the Outdoor Writers of America). Also provided names of technical experts who could assist with communication.

III Financial Status