



REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

TO: Ira Adelman, President, American Fisheries Society

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

DATE: 14 July 2004

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:

The Marine Fisheries Section's web site continues to be enhanced by including up to date information on sponsored meetings and symposia, as well as information on nominating candidates for various awards. Special thanks to Edgar Kleindinst for maintaining our web page and posting periodic updates. This supports **subgoal 4.1**.

The Section provided a list of 6 topics and experts to the authors of the Aquatic Resource Conservation Electronic Library (ARCeL), a project recently funded by the Fisheries Conservation Foundation. Topics included marine fisheries management and stock assessments,

marine protected areas, overfishing, overcapacity of fishing fleets, catch and release in marine fisheries, and the effect of anthropogenic impacts on the health of estuarine fisheries. This supports **subgoal 3.1**.

Member Services:

Beginning with the 2003-2004 year, the Marine Fisheries Section's dues were reduced to \$2 for student members (the regular membership remained the same, \$5). This supports **subgoal 1.5**

The Section is sponsoring the following symposium at the 134th Annual Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. This supports **subgoal 2.1**

- *Recent Advances in Abundance Estimation and Stock Assessment*. The symposium is co-sponsored by the AIFRB and is organized by MFS members Doug Vaughan, John Hoenig, Mike Prager, and Kyle Shertzer. Twenty-one presentations are scheduled.

Donna Johnson, Newsletter Editor, distributed the autumn 2003 (Volume 19, Number 3) and the spring 2004 (Volume 20, Number 1) newsletters, by email and standard mail. Newsletters are posted on our web page. This supports **subgoal 3.1**

Patrick Baker completed a review of a recently published book on the history of the National Shellfisheries Association titled 'Taming of the Oyster.' The review will be published in an upcoming newsletter and was performed in response to an invitation from the book's author, Mel Carriker. This supports **subgoal 2**.

The Executive Committee of the Marine Fisheries Section had been operating without its four regional representatives. These positions had been vacated for some time. Because the regional representatives are elected positions, and our bylaws stipulate the procedures for elections, the officers, in consultation with the AFS Constitutional Consultant, decided to make appointments to fill the remainder of the term. The appointments are:

Martha Mather (University of Massachusetts-Amherst, MA), Northeastern Division
Fred Scharf (University of North Carolina-Wilmington, NC), Southern Division
Michael Markels (Ocean Farming, Inc, Camas, WA), Western Division.

The Executive Committee could not identify an individual to represent the North-Central Division, and this position remains vacant. The nominating committee (chaired by past-president Anne Richards) prepared a slate of candidates for the 2004 elections, including candidates for officers and regional representatives. Voting will be by electronic ballot and election results will be available after August 1, 2004. This activity supports **subgoals 3.1 and 4.4**.

Aquatic Stewardship:

The Marine Fisheries Section provided \$500 to assist with support of the November 2004 Mote Symposium at Florida State University (Sarasota). The Fifth FSU Fisheries Symposium is titled, *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Integrating Marine and Human Ecology in Fisheries Management*. This supports **subgoals 1.1 and 1.5**.

III Financial Status

Date	Check #	Item	Credit	Cost	Balance
31-Jul-03		Beginning BALANCE			9,124.93
31-Oct-03		Beverton Books	70.00		9,194.93
21-Dec-03	145	FSU Research Foundation for Mote Symposium		500.00	8,694.93
21-Dec-03	146	Mary Fabrizio for postage		49.20	8,645.73
21-Dec-03	147	AFS Memberships for Student Travel Awards		130.00	8,515.73
5-Feb-04		Members' Dues	812.00		9,327.73
5-Feb-04		Beverton Books	145.00		9,472.73
5-Feb-04		Reimbursement from Michelle Davis for Student AFS Membership	10.00		9,482.73
23-Feb-04	148	AFS Parent Society for plaque, certificates, postage, engraving		173.00	9,309.73
22-Apr-04	149	Leslie-Ann McGee, Reimbursement for EFH Presentation		468.98	8,840.75
27-Apr-04		Members' Dues	965.00		9,805.75
10-May-04	150	SURF for AFS Student Colloquim		250.00	9,555.75
31-Jul-04		BALANCE at 2004 ANNUAL MEETING			9,555.75

Current Executive Committee members and Committee Chairs:

Mary Fabrizio (NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service), President

John Hoenig (Virginia Institute of Marine Science), President-Elect

Debra Murie (University of Florida), Secretary/Treasurer

Anne Richards (NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service), Past-President and Chair, MFS Nominating Committee

Martha Mather (University of Massachusetts-Amherst, MA), Northeastern Division representative

Fred Scharf (University of North Carolina-Wilmington, NC), Southern Division representative

Michael Markels (Ocean Farming, Inc, Camas, WA), Western Division representative

Russell Brown (NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service), Chair, Student Travel Awards Committee

Desmond Kahn (Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife), Chair, Oscar Elton Sette Award Committee