

## 2013 Marine Fisheries Section (MFS) Business Meeting Notes September 8, 2013

**Note taker: Sue Lowerre-Barbieri (for Deb Lambert, Secretary/Treasurer)**

*Past/Present Officers in attendance:*

- Doug Vaughan, NOAA/NMFS Ret-Beaufort, NC, President MFS
- Susan Lowerre-Barbieri FL FWCC, Southern Division Representative MFS
- Mary Fabrizio VIMS Past President MFS
- John Boreman NCSU Past President MFS
- Roger Rulifson ECU Past President MFS

(I have asked for scan of sign in list from Abby Franklin, incoming Pres., Estuaries Section)

[Marine Fisheries Section meets jointly with the Estuaries Section]

During the Estuaries Section meeting, these topics arose: (1) News on governing board meeting (provided by President Lee Benaka); (2) John Boreman (President, AFS) spoke on the Hutton scholarship for high school students to do their internships, and is now a permanent standing committee of AFS (NMFS provides funds (\$70,000/year), as do others); new student chapters for Mexico and for Puerto Rico were developed this past year; the new Executive Director is Doug Austin.

Symposium suggestions for AFS Quebec that came up during the estuaries meeting: (1) telemetry, bringing together the wide range of people with arrays throughout our coasts/estuaries; (2) ecological/economics

Western Division meeting in March with a symposium on: Mangroves as fish habitat

President Douglas Vaughan brought the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

President Vaughan distributed limited copies of the agenda, MFS 2012 minutes, 2013/2014 budget and MFS Presidents Report to the Governing Board Meeting. These were distributed over the MFS listserv in early August to the MFS membership.

Minutes from the St. Paul meeting: accepted as is.

In the President's report, Doug noted that we are supporting three symposium in Little Rock:

- Ecosystem Connections: Watershed Health, Anadromous Species, and Ocean Production. Organized by Thomas Bigford, Karin Limburg, Eric Palkovacs, and Theodore Castro-Santos.
- Population Productivity Drivers and Spatial Scale: A Case Study with Red Drum. Organized by Susan Lowerre-Barbieri, Michael Tringali, Lee Fuiman, and Fred Scharf.

- Dealing with Bycatch. Organized by Noelle Yochum, David Rudders, and Lee Benaka.

Deb Lambert's report our current balance is \$3313.26, income primarily annual dues. And a little from the Beverton notes (\$5 in 2012). The balance is a little higher than recent years.

Proposed budget for 2014: passed with unanimous consent

President Vaughan noted that he will be presenting the 2013 winner of the Steven Berkeley Marine Conservation Fellowship to Christian William Conroy during the AFS Business Meeting on Tuesday on behalf of the Marine Fisheries Section. This award is administered by the AFS parent society. The runner ups were Alexis Jackson of the University of California, Santa Cruz, and Alex Filous of University of Hawaii, who were unable to attend.

President Vaughan presented a MFS Student Travel Award certificate to Chris Holland (Texas A& M), who attended the MFS business meeting. Pablo Granados-Dieseldorff (Texas A&M) also received a travel award but could not get to Little Rock in time for the MFS business meeting. [Doug passed on the travel award certificate Pablo on Tuesday afternoon, after the AFS business meeting.]

With great pleasure, President Vaughan presented the Oscar E. Sette award to Dr. Phillip Goodyear (retired from NMFS SE Fisheries Center). President Vaughan and President John Boreman spoke on his accomplishments, his ability to mentor, draw from various disciplines and to teach other scientists how to be problem solvers. Always applying mathematical theory to real world problems.

#### **New Business:**

President Vaughan asked for additional thoughts on symposia for next year. Some additional thoughts included:

- (1) Roger Rulifson: Striped bass in the St. Lawrence recovery,
- (2) Anthony Overton: Gut shop update (Jason Link, NMFS, is working on this),
- (3) Sue Lowerre-Barbieri: Dispersal models,
- (4) Karin Limberg: American Eels but this will be addressed at ICES meeting in Spain a few months later,
- (5) John Boreman: suggested another look at essential fish habitat...lessons learned about EFH and ways to apply this in the future, and
- (6) John Boreman: river herring by-catch mortality versus loss of access to watersheds, south Atlantic to Canada.

Discussion on the need to generate revenue for the section: can we develop some short courses at next year's meeting or for webinars throughout the year?

Meeting adjourned 6:21pm.