

REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

TO: Jennifer Nielsen, President

FROM: Debra J. Murie, President, Marine Fisheries Section

DATE: 19 February 2007

I. Motion Report

None.

II. Activity Report

(A) Summary of Outcomes and Accomplishments Organized by Focus Area in Strategic Plan:

Aquatic Stewardship

AS 2.3: The MFS is sponsoring two symposia for the 2007 Annual AFS meeting: 1) Performance of Alternative Harvest Policies (Bence, Deroba, Wilberg & Irwin); and 2) Developing Tools for Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management: Incentive Programs, Bycatch Quantification, and Gear Technology (Benaka & DeAlteris).

AS 2.3: The MFS sponsored five symposia at the 2006 Annual Meeting in Lake Placid: 1) Death by a Thousand Cuts: Developing and Evaluating Indicators and Policies to Assess and Contain Cumulative Impacts of Human Activities in Estuarine Environments (co-sponsored with the Estuaries Section); 2) Spatial Statistical Methods in Fisheries; 3) Biology and Assessment of Protogynous Hermaphrodites; 4) Abundance, Estimation and Stock Assessment: Recent Quantitative Advances; and 5) Status and Trends of Fisheries in Chesapeake Bay.

AS 3.1: The MFS is sponsoring the symposium "Challenges for Diadromous Fishes in a Dynamic Global Environment" for \$500 (general funds) as part of the Diadromous Fish Symposium II to be held in June 2007 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Information Transfer and Outreach

ITO 4.2: The MFS website has been reloaded and Edgar Kleindinst (NOAA Fisheries) has been maintaining the website and updating sections on request. MFS President Murie has been working on reorganizing the website and updating the site.

Member Services

- MS 1.5: Des Kahn, Oscar Sette Award Chair, presented the 2006 Oscar Sette Award to Dr. Kenneth Sherman, NOAA Fisheries Service (Narragansett, RI).
- MS 1.7: Russ Brown, Chair of the MFS Student Travel Awards Committee, presented Morgan Bond (University of California at Santa Cruz), Benjamin Ciotti (University of Delaware), Belita Nguluwe (University of Maryland Eastern Shore), and Megan Fencil (University of Texas at Austin) with MFS 2006 Travel Awards during the 2006 MFS Business Meeting. Each award consisted of \$500 plus an annual AFS membership.
- MS 2.2: A new AFS journal focusing on marine and estuarine fisheries was approved by the Governing Board at the 2006 annual meeting in Lake Placid. Organization and start-up of the new journal is being supported by the POC, with a subcommittee to focus on the new journal. Steve Jordan (Past President of the Estuaries Section) and Debra Murie (President, MFS) are serving on the POC and the marine and coastal journal subcommittee. The POC subcommittee and the POC have held two conference calls in relation to the new journal (and other POC duties). With regard to the new journal, the scope for the journal has been drafted and a call for interest in the "Editor" position has been put out to the AFS listserver and many fisheries associated listservers identified by the POC members.
- MS 2.4: Due to an increased request beyond the original twelve copies of the Beverton-Holt notes sent for distribution to agencies in support of the Katrina Disaster Relief, another ten copies have been sent to restock libraries damaged in the Gulf Coast areas.
- MS 3.1: List-server for the MFS has been activated successfully and used to communicate section activity updates to all current members.
- MS 3.3: Website for the MFS has been partially updated and will continue to be updated and reformatted for easier access by members.

Financial Report

AFS Marine Fisheries Section Treasurer's Report 8 August 2006 - 15 February 2007

Balance on 8 August 2006	\$8,491.75
Receipts	
Oct-06 Beverton Notes sales	85.00
Total Receipts/Credits	85.00
Disbursements	
Aug-06 Estuaries Section (which paid a student membership by mistake)	21.00
Aug-06 2006 annual meeting plaque and certificate	25.00
Sep-06 Student travel award (Benjamin Ciotti)	500.00
Sep-06 Student travel award (Belita Nguluwe)	500.00
Sep-06 Student travel award (Megan Fencil)	500.00
Sep-06 Student travel award (Morgan Bond)	500.00
Sep-06 Estuaries Section (reimbursement for 2006 meeting expenses)	500.00
Oct-06 AFS Northeastern Division, Diadromous Symposium	500.00
Total Disbursements	3,046.00
Balance on 15 February 2007	\$5,530.75