

REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

TO: Mary Fabrizio, President

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

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I. Motion Report

None.

II. Activity Report

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

Aquatic Stewardship

AS 2.3a: The MFS is sponsoring five symposia for the 2008 Annual AFS meeting: 1) Tagging and its use in stock assessments (Doug Vaughan, Paul Conn and John Hoenig); 2) Well-managed Fisheries-Defining best practices in fisheries management (Howard Powles, Scott Parsons and Dan Lane); 3) Global management of squaloid sharks (Roger Rulifson and Jennifer Cudney); 4) Modeling and model selection in fisheries science (David Hewitt, Eric Janey and Summer Burdick); and 5) Sustainable fisheries for highly-migratory large pelagics (Jon Brodziak, Churchill Grimes and Sue Sogard).

Member Services

MS 1.5.a: Des Kahn, Oscar Sette Award Chair, presented the 2007 Oscar Sette Award to Dr. Robert C. Francis, Professor Emeritus, School of Aquatic and Fishery Science, University of Washington.

MS 1.5.a: The MFS assisted in the development and promotion of the Steven Berkeley Marine Conservation Fellowship. Susan Sogard (Chair) and the selection committee of Ed Houde and Mark Hixon awarded one fellowship (\$10,000) and two honorable mentions (\$1,000 each) for 2008.

MS 1.7.a: Russ Brown, Chair of the MFS Student Travel Awards Committee, presented four students with MFS 2007 Travel Awards during the 2007 MFS Business Meeting. Each award consisted of \$500 plus an annual AFS membership. Russ and the MFS Student Travel Award

Committee also selected four students for MFS 2008 Travel Awards to the 2008 AFS Annual Meeting in Ottawa.

- MS 2.2.e: Organization and start-up of the new AFS Marine and Coastal Fisheries journal has been initiated by the subcommittee of the POC. 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 has held numerous conference calls and email discussions in relation to the new journal. A Developmental Editor has been chosen (Dr. Don Noakes), as well as the Editorial Board. The new journal is now accepting articles for review.

- MS 3.1.d: List-server for the MFS has been activated successfully and used to communicate brief section activity updates to all current members. E-mails sent to MFS members via the list-serve are kept to a minimum size and do not contain attachments. As a result, the MFS website is the primary avenue of communication with MFS members currently.

- MS 3.3.b: The website for the MFS has been reorganized, reloaded, updated and serves as the main method of communication with MFS members.