

Report to the Governing Board

TO: Robert Hughes, President
FROM: Douglas Vaughan, President, Marine Fisheries Section
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Motion Report

Recommended Motion: NONE

Activity Report

Goal 1 Global Fisheries Leadership

GFL 1.1.1 Networking and Conferences.

GFL 1.1.1 The MFS will sponsor five symposia at the 2014 Annual AFS Meeting in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.

- Common Challenges and Opportunities for Global Fisheries. Organized by Douglas Vaughan (AFS/MFS), John Pinnegar (FSBI), Shuichi Satoh (JSFS), and Sungchul (KSFAS).
- The Next Generation of Fish Stock Assessments. Organized by Patrick Lynch & Tara Dolan.
- Reproductive Behavior and Recruitment Processes: Emerging understanding and future needs. Organized by Susan Lowerre-Barbieri, M. Karnauskas, M. Dickey-Collas, P. Pepin, C. B. Paris, & Y. Sadovy de Mitcheson.
- Out of Sight, Not Out of Mind: Estimating and reducing release mortality in commercial and recreational fisheries. Organized by Noelle Yochum, David Rudders, Derek Orner, and Lee Benaka.
- Jawless Fishes of the World. Organized by Alexei Orlov and Gordon McFarlane.

Goal 3 Value of Membership

VOM 3.1.2: The MFS website continues to be organized and updated by Debra Murie at the University of Florida. The URL is <http://fishweb.ifas.ufl.edu/mfs/>.

VOM 3.1.2 The MFS listserv is under the management of President Douglas Vaughan and President-elect James Cowan. The address is marine@lists.fisheries.org.

VOM 3.1.8 Marine Fisheries Section Leadership Awards. The 2013 Oscar Elton Sette Award for an Outstanding Marine Fishery Biologist was presented to Dr. C. Philip Goodyear, retired from National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Fisheries Science Center. He received his award at the business meeting in Little Rock, AR. AFS President John Boreman provided remarks on their many years of collaboration. Dr. Emory Anderson serves as chair for this committee.

VOM 3.1.8 Marine Fisheries Section Leadership Awards. The 2013 Steve Berkeley Conservation Award was given to one award winner and two runners-up:

Christian William Conroy of Northeastern University was selected as the 2013 winner of the \$10,000 Berkeley Fellowship. The runners-up were Alexis Jackson of the University of California, Santa Cruz, and Alex Filous of University of Hawaii and each received \$1,000.

VOM 3.2.1 Syma Ebbin (Chair, MFS Student Travel Awards Committee) selected two students: Chris Holland (Texas A&M), and Pablo Granados-Dieseldorff (Texas A&M) Each student received \$500 to support their attendance at the annual meeting, one-year memberships in AFS and MFS, and a plaque.

VOM 3.2.2 The MFS listserv (marine@lists.fisheries.org) was updated multiple times leading up to the AFS annual meeting Little Rock, AR. Unfortunately the listserv is no longer available, following a catastrophic hardware failure during December 2013. Alternate means of communication are being developed. We will continue to post on the MFS website.