

**Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
ExCom Conference Call Minutes
July 19, 2005**

Approved: September 22, 2005

Attendance: Doug Olson (President), Dave Ward (Past President), Barry McPherson (President-Elect), Mike Reed (Incoming President-Elect), Laura Tesler (Vice-President), Neil Ward (Internal Director), Tom Friesen (External Director), Karen Wegner (External Director), Mike Matylewich (Secretary-Treasurer), Ian Reid, (Incoming Secretary-Treasurer) Loretta Brenner (Administrative Assistant), Aaron Chappell (Student Representative)

Newsletter: Availability of the summer issue of The Piscatorial Press on the website was announced through e-mail last week. There were fewer bounce-backs from bad e-mail addresses compared with announcement of the spring newsletter. The hardcopy version was sent to the printers. About 100 members are on the list for hardcopies. The comments on the electronic version are positive. There were no reported problems on viewing the newsletter on the website.

Minutes: Loretta will send the final version of the March minutes to Tom for posting on the website. The June minutes are not complete. The retreat minutes were sent out but not reviewed. One correction was noted on page 2 under budget (should read “financially” successful). The retreat minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: The latest checking statement shows a balance of \$33,123.20. The Coastal Cutthroat Symposium account balance was \$7,970. The most recent money market account balance was not available. The account has about \$62,000.

Ad-Hoc Investment Committee: Mike M., Dave and Doug will meet on Tuesday July 26 at 5:30 pm to discuss the developing investment policy.

Draft Work Plan and Budget:

The 2006 Annual Meeting budget was reviewed line by line. The corkage fees were pulled out of the poster and workshop social budgets and identified instead as a specific line item.

A motion was made to increase the Annual Meeting registration fee by \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members. The motion passed.

The vote to approve the budget will be on the August 23 conference call.

Annual Meeting:

2007 Annual Meeting Arrangements: Corvallis and Eugene were contacted. Eugene sent a proposal. Corvallis has not yet submitted a proposal. Parking is an issue at Corvallis.
2008 Western Division Meeting: The Portland Hilton was contacted on potential dates. Neil will contact POVA on possible sites in Portland. The meeting will run from Sunday through Thursday. The preferred date is at the end of April. Workshops would be held on Thursday and Sunday.

2006 Annual Meeting Arrangements: Electrical supply access needs to be arranged for the trade show. The demonstration of AuctionPay website registration is scheduled for July 29 at 1 pm. Barry, Loretta, and Mike M. plan to participate.

2006 Annual Meeting Program: The theme is “Addressing Fisheries Issues in the 21st Century”. Erik Sten agreed to be a plenary speaker. He will speak on emerging trends in local government. Mike R. contacted Jane Lubchenco again. David Noakes, new head of the Hatchery Research Center, will be asked if he wants to organize a hatchery session. Charlie Corrarino at ODFW will be asked if he can help with such a session. Tom Iverson will organize a hydro session. Mary Buckman is considering a half-day follow up workshop on statistics. Mary is also considering a half-day workshop on working with the legislature. Carl Schreck will be asked if he has interest in planning a 2-day workshop on telemetry. Danielle Warner agreed to chair the poster session.

External Committees: The website was updated to include links to the Annual Meeting, the newsletter, committee chairs contact information. Lucy Herron is Education and Outreach Chair. The teacher workshop at the Oregon Zoo needs a leader or instructor. No activities to report in the legislature. The Aquatic Habitat Committee commented on critical habitat designations. Steve Parker is developing a work plan for an ORAFS Marine Habitat and Ecology Committee. The Information Sharing Network needs a liaison. July 25 is the deadline for lodging at the Coastal Cutthroat Symposium. Projected attendance is 150.

The Hatchery Research Center opening was postponed. David Noakes, Guelph University, was hired to be director and starts October 15.

The 70th Anniversary of the OSU Fish and Wildlife Department was well attended. Barry represented the Chapter. AFS received an accolade for long-standing relations and cooperation with OSU (Barry accepted the plaque).

Western Division Business: An update on planning for the 2008 meeting will be presented at the National Meeting in Anchorage in September. The deadline to submit a Chapter annual report to Western Division is August 10. There is no word on which chapter was selected as the Chapter of the Year

Student Liaison: The new Student Liaison is Aaron Chappell, a senior to be at OSU. He is working in Newport this summer. He is reviewing the budget for Student Subunit activities and will help recruit volunteers for the AM.

Administrative Manual: The committee will meet on July 27 in Corvallis.

Letters from the President: The letter to Bernie Taylor was sent. Thanks you letters were sent to last year's trade show vendors.

Next Meeting: There will be a conference call on August 23 at 9 am. Agenda items include approval of minutes and the budget. There will be face-to-face meeting during the week of September 19 at a location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Matylewich,
Secretary-Treasurer