

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society  
ExCom Conference Call, 17 November 2005  
Approved by ExCom on 13 December 2005

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. Present were: President Barry McPherson, Student Representative Aaron Chappel, Secretary-Treasurer Ian Reid, Internal Director Neil Ward, External Director Karen Wegner, Vice President Laura Tesler for about 30 minutes, and Administrative Assistant Loretta Brenner. President-Elect Mike Reed joined at about 1:15. Past President Doug Olson was not available. Russ Kiefer, President of the Idaho Chapter AFS was on the call for about 30 minutes regarding the Fish Passage Center issue.

### **Funding Requests—Barry**

A verbal request came from Rebecca Goggins of Oregon State University to help fund efforts to increase student diversity in the Fisheries and Wildlife Department. She goes out to different high schools to recruit diverse students. She lost her funding for this program and will be requesting financial help from AFS and the Wildlife Society. It is a goal of ORAFS to support diversity recruitment (Goal 5 and Objective 5.4 of our Strategic Plan).

Jefferson Fish Society would like \$250 to help startup an information sharing website. Ian will forward the formal request to ExCom as Barry had not received it. ExCom will vote on the request at next meeting. Ian will abstain from voting as he has ties to the Jefferson Fish Society. Discussion occurred about where the money would come from in our budget, if approved. Barry stated there was \$589 in the budget for these types of small fisheries educational grants with \$250 already given to Wolfree this fiscal year. Because there is an incentive for groups to ask for this money early in the ORAFS fiscal year before it is all spent, there was discussion about advertising a deadline for educational grant proposals.

Bob Lackey has requested ORAFS support for the Salmon 2100 Conference to be held January 25<sup>th</sup> in Portland. Barry wanted Doug Olson's input, but he was not on the call today, and ExCom wanted to see a written request. Barry will find or obtain the written request for the next conference call.

### **Fish Passage Center Issue—Russ Kiefer, Idaho Chapter AFS President**

The Fish Passage Center (FPC) is a centralized tool funded by BPA for all agencies in the region to request information and analysis regarding Columbia River Basin fish passage. Because of legislation introduced by Senator Craig (ID), passed by Congress, and expected to be signed by President Bush, professional fisheries biologists may lose their jobs and the center may close because the legislation apparently restricts BPA from funding the FPC. The rider introduced by Senator Craig appears to be retribution for the FPC data being used in lawsuits counter to interests of some of his constituents. Russ wants to generate a letter to BPA for other AFS chapters and Western Division to sign in

an attempt to maintain the FPC. It was suggested he consider inviting the North Pacific International Chapter of AFS (WA and British Columbia) to sign as well. Neil says that there is urgency to move on this quickly. We need to know when the deadline would be to respond. Neil will look into this. Barry suggested Neil be ORAFS's representative to Kiefer's efforts.

### **Review & approval of past minutes—All**

August and September 2005 minutes were approved. Ian will add the date ExCom approved, finalize, and send to Loretta for conversion to pdf files for website posting. Ian also needs to go through the minutes and change stated times to 12-hr clock. We will wait until next month to vote on the October minutes because much of ExCom had not reviewed them yet. Some discussion occurred between Mike and Barry on the language of the Annual Meeting session related to the new Hatchery Research Center.

### **Treasurer's report—Ian**

Balances (today):      Main acct: \$23,944.18  
                                    Cutthroat: \$15,994.70  
                                    Savings: \$50.11

The Parent Society recently sent \$490 in member dues back to ORAFS. Ian has paid the deposit requested by the karaoke provider for the Annual Meeting. Ian needs to talk with Barry and Mike Matylewich about 3, 6, and 9-month CDs and moving the money from the money market account. Ian also needs to ask Mike M. when he is going to send out his recommendations of mutual funds for ORAFS investment.

Ian will check with Mary Buckman and Mike M. on website fees to see if we owe and who we need to pay.

### **Annual Meeting Plans for Sunriver**

#### **Loretta: Electronic Registration**

Loretta is still looking into electronic registration and trying to find something cheaper than AuctionPay (\$7 to \$9 per person). She checked into PayPal and one other one and it didn't look like there was going to be a better deal than AuctionPay. The AFS Parent Society is working on development of electronic registration for their annual meeting in September 2006. This system will likely be available to AFS chapters to use, and may be better and less costly for us compared with AuctionPay or others.

Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to keep standard form of registration (not online) for our 2006 Annual Meeting and keep looking into electronic registration for future events.

#### **Laura: Auction and Raffle**

Martyne Reesman, Auction and Raffle Chair will be sending out donation request letters next week. She is requesting a complimentary room for auctioneer she would like to hire (the same one as last year). If the auctioneer gets a complimentary room he will not charge travel from western Oregon, which could end up saving us money. Neil asked if there is someone on the east side we could use without having to pay travel costs. Laura said they were really happy with the person from last year and want to use him again. Neil thinks we will use all the complimentary rooms we are given and there will not be one left for the auctioneer. Barry stated Martyne will have to use her budget for the auction and raffle to pay for the auctioneer's fee, travel, and room. Laura will inform Martyne.

**Neil:** Arrangements

Mike and Neil will visit Sunriver on 9 December to do a walk-through and have a discussion with the resort managers.

Barry was concerned about attendance of the marine reserve video planned for Tuesday evening and the cost to reserve a room for it. Hal Weeks is having trouble finding someone to facilitate the video and there might not be many marine fish biologists at our meeting because of the groundfish conference one month earlier. Neil will check on if there is a cost associated with reserving that room. One possibility is to run it during the Tuesday night workshop social in the corner. Another option is to run it on Wednesday night after the student-mentor social in the same room. There will be more Annual Meeting attendees Wednesday night than Tuesday night. Neil will ask Sunriver how much it will cost to rearrange the room, although rearrangement might not be needed depending on how the mentor social is organized. Neil will tell Sunriver we don't need the room on Tuesday night but might need the time extended on the room Wednesday night.

**Mike:** Program Updates.

Twelve convened paper sessions and 1 contributed paper session (grad student conveners) are confirmed to date. Neil assigned tentative rooms to the sessions.

There is an issue with having three contributed papers sessions on Friday with students not getting judged and possibly people leaving early on Friday. One option is to break up the all-day sessions and have them do half on Friday. Mike will look into some options and email out a new draft "program at a glance" to ExCom early next week.

Mike will delete "contributed paper sessions" out of the titles if he can name these sessions based on some common content to each.

Poster session: Nothing new has happened since last ExCom meeting.

Nothing new on cover art despite a request in the newsletter. Mike sent out an inquiry to the Oregonian humorist (Jack Ohman) but has not heard anything. Aaron Chappell offered to query folks within the OSU F&W Club for any interest.

**Karen: Student Volunteer Coordination**

About 14 students have contacted her to volunteer. She attended the Fish and Wildlife Club meeting at OSU last night to encourage student volunteerism.

**Aaron: Student-Mentor Social**

He talked with Laura Tesler about 2 weeks ago and with Mary Buckman last night at the OSU F&W Club meeting. Mary asked for ideas, presented a tentative plan, and got some input at that meeting.

**2007 Annual Meeting—Neil**

No changes since last ExCom meeting.

**2008 Western Division/Oregon AFS meeting—Neil**

Neil is still shooting for OMSI for the social but it might be cost-prohibitive.

**External Director Report—Karen**

Natural Production Committee Chair Lance Kruzik is requesting those who are reviewing ODFW native fish report to get their comments to him tomorrow. ExCom needs to be ready to respond next week to the draft comments from that committee to get them to ODFW by the 30 November deadline.

Karen is meeting with invasive species ISN chairs tomorrow.

She needs further guidance on how or if to respond to Rep. Pombo's proposed ESA amendment. ExCom should follow how it proceeds in the Senate.

Tomorrow night is the teacher sleepover at the Oregon Coast Aquarium that Education & Outreach Chair Lucy Heron is helping with as an ORAFS representative to the event.

**OSU Student Subunit report—Aaron**

ORAFS presented the Subunit with a check for \$992 at the OSU F&W Club meeting last night and the students are very appreciative. They are starting to spend the money tomorrow when they take a field trip of the Hatchery Research Center. Loretta will convert the letter Barry wrote to the OSU Student Subunit granting the \$992 and send as a pdf file to Karen who will ask Donna Allard to post on our website. It will be posted on the web without Barry's signature.

Aaron is helping Karen recruit and coordinate volunteers for the Annual Meeting.

**Administrative Handbook revisions – Barry, Loretta**

Loretta is still working on administrative handbook revisions and trying to get finalized by the end of the year. Barry needs to complete a section on Student Volunteer Coordination. That may be the last piece needed.

**Distribution of Fall Newsletter – Loretta**

The newsletter distribution worked OK but over 100 out of about 600 e-mails bounced back. She will be sending this information to AFS Parent Society to update members' contact information.

**Administrative Assistant Report – Loretta**

Loretta spent a lot of time on the cutthroat conference during October.

**Future Conference Call Schedule – Barry**

ExCom agreed to hold conference calls January 10<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>, both being held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Next conference call is scheduled for Tuesday, 13 December at 1:00 p.m. using the same call-in information as this call.

Adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian S. Reid  
Secretary-Treasurer