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## Cal-Neva Chapter 34th Annual Meeting a Huge Success

*Elise Holland, President-elect*

Attendance was high at the Chapter's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Symposium on the beautiful Ventura coast March 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup>. A great deal of gratitude is owed to the speakers, many of whom traveled great distances, those who coordinated the Symposium and the Technical Sessions, and to the many members of the Executive Committee and others who volunteered their time in organizing and staffing the event. The success of the meeting was due to the contributions of all of these people, and so to all of them — Thank You!

The Symposium, entitled *Restoration of Native Trout and Riparian Vegetation in the Western United States*, featured experts from Utah, Montana, Idaho, and Alaska, as well as California. Technical Sessions covered topics in the fields of exotic species; fish barrier removal and fish passage; marine technologies and research; fish ecology, management and restoration; floodplain and river restoration; nearshore fisheries; and steelhead restoration. The sessions featured speakers from across California, the Northwest, and the East Coast.

The meeting was further enhanced by the participation of many students some of whom presented papers in the Contributed Papers Session. We hope to continue to build the student constituency and participation in future years. Other highlights included Gary Davis's spectacular slide show and inspirational talk on the Channel Islands National Park at the Banquet on Friday evening.

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# California-Nevada Chapter Presented Awards To Eight Very Deserving Individuals



*Ramona Swenson and Jeff Hagar are recognized with Special Contribution Awards for their dedication to Cal-Neva AFS as “die-hard” committee chairs*



*Dave Lentz (r.) congratulates Don Stehsel (l.) as he receives the Conservation Achievement Award*

## *Pat Coulston, Awards Chair*

An important function of the American Fisheries Society and its individual chapters is to honor the hard work and accomplishments of fisheries professionals and the fisheries conservation efforts of members and others. This year at its annual meeting held in Ventura, the California-Nevada Chapter presented awards to eight very deserving individuals.

Special Contribution Awards were presented to three members for their involvement in Chapter leadership. **Jeff Hagar**, **Ramona Swenson**, and **Cindy Chadwick-Darling** were recognized for their many years of service and accomplishments as the Chairs of the chapter’s Membership, Fisheries Information Network, and Bylaws and Nominations committees, respectively.

The Chapter presented three Conservation Achievement Awards, which are given to recognize the outstanding contributions or service of non-member individuals to fisheries conservation. **Robert Zampatti** of the Carmel River Steelhead Association was honored for his tireless individual efforts to protect and restore steelhead on the central coast of California. Most recently, Mr. Zampatti lead volunteers and contractors in the design and construction of a new fish ladder on Los Padres Dam and worked closely and tirelessly with the Monterey County Public Works Department to improve their Carmel River lagoon breaching practices.

**Allen Smith** of the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project was recognized for his effective leadership of that group, whose fishery conservation activities include large-scale educational programs, threatened salmonid propagation, and fishing enhancement programs. **Donald L Stehsel, Jr.** was awarded for his leadership of the Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps,



*Pat Coulston bestows the Distinguished Professional Achievement Award to Dr. Jerry Smith (r.)*



*Dr. Joseph Cech (center), receives well-deserved kudos and the Chapter's Award of Excellence from Mike Mainz (l.) and Pat Coulston (r.).*

The Chapter's prestigious Award of Excellence was presented to **Dr. Joseph J. Cech**, of U.C. Davis. Dr. Cech voluminous work in the physiological ecology of native California fishes has resulted in over 100 peer-reviewed publications and has greatly influenced the design of fish protective facilities in Central Valley waters. Dr. Cech is also noted for his enthusiastic facilitation of student involvement in the Chapter. He has fought for reduced student registration fees and facilitated student housing at chapter meetings. Good presentations by Dr. Cech's students are common feature of most Chapter annual meetings.

whose work is focused on the mountain streams of southern California. This dedicated, active group restores stream habitats, patrols streams to educate stream users about stream conservation and maintains educational signage along streams.

The Chapter recognized the education, conservation, and scientific contributions of **Dr. Jerry J. Smith** of San Jose State University by presenting him with its Distinguished Professional Achievement Award. Dr. Smith is acknowledged by most as the principal expert on the aquatic ecology of streams of the southern San Francisco Bay and central coast.

In partnership with his students, Dr. Smith maintains an aggressive monitoring and research program. The results of that program are generously and quickly made available to others to facilitate effective management and restoration.

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# Cal-Neva AFS

## Approved 2000 Annual Budget

*Alice Low, Treasurer*

### PROJECTED INCOME

Annual Meeting	\$42,700
Chapter Dues	\$ 7,600
T-Shirts	\$ 6,250
Continuing Education	\$35,000
Interest	<u>\$ 2,500</u>

Total \$94,050

### PROJECTED EXPENSES

Annual Meeting	\$31,300
President	\$ 2,500
President-elect	\$ 2,500
Treasurer	\$ 300
Secretary	\$ 200
Awards	\$ 500
Conservation	\$ 850
FIN	\$ 500
Continuing Education	\$28,000
Pisces	\$ 3,725
Finance/Website	\$ 750
T-shirts	\$ 5,000
Membership	\$ 900
Bylaws and Nominations	\$ 600
Policy and Resolutions	\$ 50
Bulk Mail Account	\$ 600
Bank Fees/Administration	\$ 50
Davis Student Grop	<u>\$ 1,150</u>

Total \$79,475

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# News Clips: Endangered Rivers

*Submitted by Elise Holland, President-elect*

## Ventura River Ranked 3rd Most Endangered

*Los Angeles Times* - 4/10/00  
by Tina Dirmann, staff writer

The Ventura River is among the nation's most endangered rivers and its only hope for recovery is the removal of Matilija Dam, according to a study released today by a conservation group. The Ventura River is ranked third in the country, behind Oregon's Lower Snake River and the Missouri River, on a list of 13 rivers facing the most "immediate, severe environmental degradation," according to American Rivers' annual report of the nation's most threatened waterways. The only other California river to make the list is the north fork of the Feather River above Sacramento.

American Rivers, based in Washington, D.C., concludes that Matilija Dam is chiefly to blame for the Ventura River's dwindling health. The nonprofit conservation group, founded in 1973 to raise awareness of North America's river system, said the dam also prevents sand from washing downstream to replenish local beaches. Even worse, it blocks the migration of endangered southern steelhead trout to the sea, the group said.

The 16-mile river originates on the north fork of Matilija Creek in the Los Padres National Forest and winds its way to the Pacific Ocean in Ventura. Periodic flooding led to construction of the dam.

Critics say the dam, built in 1947 for flood control, has outlived its usefulness. Designed to hold 5,000 acre-feet of water, the buildup of silt and mud has reduced its storage capacity to 500 acre-feet.

Local environmentalists, coastal businesses and fishermen have long advocated tearing down the dam. But finding the \$30 million to \$70 million to do it has been a problem. Long and others said the new ranking might have at least one positive effect by gaining the attention of representatives in Washington, D.C., who could allocate the necessary funds.

Work is already underway to tear down part of the dam. In January, the California Coastal Conservancy approved a \$200,000 grant to Ventura County to pay for a portion of a project to knock off part of the aging structure. The project is considered a first step to the dam's ultimate removal.

*Editor's Note: Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt is due to appear at the Matilija Dam in October to operate the backhoe as they remove a chunk of the dam thanks to funding from the Coastal Conservancy.*

## Group Identifies 13 "Endangered Rivers"

*Associated Press* - 4/10/00  
by Libby Quaid, staff writer

The 13 most endangered rivers, according to American Rivers, a conservation group are listed below. Two California rivers are listed; damming is blamed for much of the species loss. The Snake River was ranked first because salmon and steelhead runs have been drastically interrupted by four dams. The Missouri was ranked second because a series of dams and channels built over the last 70 years have altered the river, transforming it into what American Rivers called "a rock-lined barge canal and a series of slackwater reservoirs."

1. **Snake River** in Washington state. Dams threaten salmon.
2. **Missouri River** in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. Dams and channels hurt river.
3. **Ventura River** in California. Dams hurt river.
4. **Copper River** in Alaska. Proposed logging road threatens salmon, birds, grizzly bears and other wildlife.
5. **Alabama, Coosa and Tallapoosa rivers** in Georgia and Alabama. Dams and Atlanta sprawl threaten water supply and quality.
6. **Coal River** in West Virginia. Coal mining threatens waterway.
7. **Rio Grande** in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Chihuahua and Coahuila, Mexico. Water diversion and overconsumption, flood control projects, land development and pollution threaten the endangered silvery minnow.
8. **Mississippi and White rivers** in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Flood control and navigation have eliminated habitat for fish, birds and mussels.
9. **North Fork Feather River** in California. Hydroelectric dams harm fish, wildlife and recreation.
10. **Clear Creek** in Texas. Flood control proposal would destroy Houston bayou.
11. **Green River** in Colorado and Utah. Dams threaten fish.
12. **Presumpscot River** in Maine. Dams threaten fish.
13. **Clark Fork** in Montana. Proposed mine threatens fish and wildlife.

## Election 2000 Results

*Joe Miyamoto, Bylaws and Nominations Chair*

The Chapter's 2000 election was conducted through a mail ballot vote during March. The Bylaws and Nominations committee recruited four candidates for office, two for President-Elect and two for Secretary. A total of 548 ballots were distributed to qualified members and 153 ballots were returned, yielding a 28-percent voter response. Special thanks go to Lauren Buffaloe for designing the layout for the candidate statements and arranging for the mailout.

**Larry Brown** was elected for President-elect and **Mike Saiki** for Secretary. Special thanks go to Mike Aceituno and Dan Logan for their participation in this year's election.

Please join me in congratulating Larry Brown and Mike Saiki. Larry's duties as President-elect will be to serve as Program Chair for next year's annual conference in Santa Rosa. Mike will keep the official chapter records and perform other duties as requested by the parent society and Western Division. Both Larry and Mike will assume their duties on September 1, 2000 following the annual business meeting of the parent society. I know that Larry would appreciate some help in organizing next year's conference so please volunteer to help.

## Symposium Wrap-up

*Brian Finlayson*

The Cal-Neva Chapter of the American Fisheries Society sponsored a one-day Symposium on the *Restoration of Native Trout and Riparian Plants in the Western United States* on March 30. The Symposium preceded the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting that occurred on March 31 and April 1 in Ventura, California. The symposium explored technical and non-technical methods that have been successful in restoring native trout and riparian plants. Speakers from California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska focused on ongoing restoration efforts for several species of cutthroat (*Oncorhynchus clarkii*) and golden (*O. mykiss*) trouts and the corresponding removal of hybridized trout, predatory fish species, and nonnative plants. The symposium was well attended with over 150 participants.

We have already started planning next year's event, which will be held at the Sonoma County Hilton in Santa Rosa on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## T-Shirt Sales

*Sharon Shiba*

### American River Salmon Festival

For the third consecutive year, the Cal-Neva Chapter sponsored a booth at the American River Salmon Festival to disseminate information about AFS, our Chapter, and our mission and goals. The event took place at the Nimbus Hatchery on October 24–25 (Saturday and Sunday). In addition, we sold lots of fish T-shirts (especially salmon and golden trout), post cards, and our Cal-Neva pins. We are indebted to the following volunteers, who took a chunk of time out of their weekends to make it all possible: **Sharon Stohrer, Mike Meinz, Jill Lanser, Roger Bloom, Valarie Bloom, Tom Taylor, Chuck Knutson, Kathy Hieb, Alice Low, and Juan Cervantes.**

### Annual Chapter Meeting

At the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, we sold a total of 117 adult T-shirts, and 50 children's T-shirts and rompers. We also sold out our remaining (6) Joseph Tomelleri Trout Postcards, and 17 of the laminated Trout Fishing Guides. Gross sales receipts totaled \$1,890.00. Are we good or what? Please give a big "thank you" to our many volunteers: **Jean Baldrige, Roger and Valarie Bloom, Brad Cavallo, Shawn Chase, Susan Ellis, Chuck Knutson, Debra Hawk, Dave Lentz, Joe Pisciotto, and Bill Somer.** I apologize if I've inadvertently left anyone out. We are also grateful for **Christopher Dewees** for his donation of 28 Groundfish Conference T-shirts, which we sold at a special price. They were snapped up very quickly!

### Merchandising Ideas

If anyone should have any cool ideas about other things we can sell, please, please, please let me know! I can be reached by any of the following: phone (916) 358-2870, fax (916) 358-2857, e-mail [sshiba@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:sshiba@dfg.ca.gov).

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# Conservation Committee Report

*Ted Frink, Conservation Committee Chair*

- Working with Pacific Rivers Council (Deanna Spooner) to provide expert comment and review of the U.S. Forest Service Draft EIS and ecosystem management planning processes. Goal is to provide USFS with guidance on approach and appropriateness of proposed management guidelines for aquatic ecosystem preservation within USFS jurisdiction of the Sierra Nevada. **For more information contact Deanna Spooner**, California Projects Dir. Pacific Rivers Council, (510) 548-3887, [deanna@pacrivers.org](mailto:deanna@pacrivers.org), or the Science Integration Team Leader, **Dr. Danny Lee** at (916) 492-7547.
- Coordinated with Friends of the River (Steve Evans) to offer assistance in providing review of FERC hydropower relicensing applications. **For more information on hydropower relicensing issues contact** Friends of the River, **Steve Evans**, [sevans@friendsoftheriver.org](mailto:sevans@friendsoftheriver.org) **or Richard Penny**, [rpenny@friendsoftheriver.org](mailto:rpenny@friendsoftheriver.org)
- Provided comments on a letter regarding AFS support of California Aquatic Rapid Bioassessment methodology use to DFG for potential letter to State Water Resources Control Board regarding use and application for water quality monitoring and NPDES permitting.
- Continuing participation in litigation with Natural Heritage Institute (NHI) on supporting the listing of the splittail. State Water Contractors and San Luis-Delta Mendota Water Authority filed suit regarding delisting of splittail. Court actions still pending additional information review by the court.
- Coordinated with FIN (Robert Blizard) to send comments to USFWS on proposed listing and habitat conservation and recovery plan for the Cowhead Lake tui chub (*Gila bicolor vaccaceps*). Supported listing the tui chub under the ESA and provided recommendations for recovery plan.
- In coordination with FIN (Ramona Swenson) wrote a comment letter to USFWS regarding proposed delisting of tidewater goby north of Orange County. Supported keeping the species listed over its entire range.
- Santa Ana Sucker proposed listing review comment period closed January 3, 2000. The Santa Ana sucker was listed as threatened by USFWS on May 12, 2000. The listing was anticipated by Orange County Water District, which has been studying the sucker's habits since 1998. The water agency will spend \$600,000 in the next five years to study the fish's breeding patterns and decide how best to help its dwindling populations recover. **For further information on the listing, contact Glen W. Knowles**, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office: telephone (760) 431-9440; facsimile (760) 431-9624.
- Following Dam Removal and Inventory bill SB1540 (Sher).
- Tracking total maximum daily limit (TMDL) legislation progress (a number of bills regarding silvicultural practices exemptions from TMDL requirements).
- Will be working in ad hoc group to develop a position paper on northern pike eradication and management within California.

## **Don't Forget!**

Check out the Cal-Neva Chapter website for the latest news and information.

**<http://www.afs-calneva.org>**

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# Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting

## California-Nevada Chapter, American Fisheries Society

### Holiday Inn, Ventura, California

### Friday, March 31, 2000

**Call to Order:** Mike Meinz called the meeting to order at 12:22 PM.

Present: Mike Meinz (President), Dave Lentz (Policies and Resolutions), Wayne Lifton (Finance), Elise Holland (President-elect), Joe Miyamoto (Nominations and Bylaws), Scott Wilcox (Secretary), Dave Manning (Local Arrangements), Robert Blizard (FIN), Pat Coulston (Past-President/Awards), Alice Low (Treasurer), and approximately 40 chapter members.

**Verification of Quorum:** A quorum of chapter officers and committee members was present.

**President's Report:** Mike Meinz reported that it has been a good year for the Cal-Neva chapter. We have several new Executive Committee members, including Joe Miyamoto, Dave Manning, Fred Feyrer, and Robert Blizard. In addition, elections were completed on time for the first time in many years.

**President Elect's Report:** Elise Holland reported that help for this year's conference has been very good. The conference will not make as much money this year due to a number of factors, including subsidies to several out-of-state speakers.

**Past President's Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Alice Low reported on the following items: (1) We now have a credit card payment system that can be used for the annual conference and other activities; (2) We are working on obtaining a credit card system for payment of AFS chapter bills, so we can reap some benefit from a rebate system; (3) We have financial accounts with Bank of America and Merrill Lynch. Some money has been moved in this past year to higher yielding investments. Alice reviewed the status of various accounts. This included \$30,000 in the Bank of America Money Market account, \$22,000 in a Merrill Lynch CD account and \$23,000 in a Merrill Lynch bond fund account. The current balance on the checking account is \$43,000, but is changing rapidly due to all of the recent conference activity.

The budget for this next year has not yet been developed. With regard to other changes since last year, the Executive Committee followed up on Joe Cech's recommendation for a \$10 student fee for the annual conference, which has been adopted.

**Secretary's Report:** Scott Wilcox reported that there were eight meetings of the Executive Committee last year. Minutes from last year's annual business meeting were distributed.

David Lentz moved and there was a second to accept the minutes from last year's annual business meeting. Discussions included a question about whether a letter was ever sent by AFS on the Golden Trout Wilderness issue. Dave Lentz indicated that the letter was not sent because other groups were addressing it at the time, and AFS has not followed up. An update on the Golden Trout Wilderness issue was provided. It was recommended that the issue be referred to the Conservation Committee regarding whether to send a letter on behalf of AFS.

Last year's minutes of the annual meeting were unanimously approved.

**Finance Committee:** Wayne Lifton indicated that the Cal-Neva website has been upgraded and updated. It currently includes job posting, the recent letter regarding northern pike, and Continuing Education opportunities.

**Policies and Resolutions:** Dave Lentz passed out a proposed resolution regarding northern pike. There will be further discussion at a continuation of the annual meeting at 5:30 PM to discuss and vote on this resolution. Members will have an opportunity to speak at that meeting. It was suggested that the evening session focus on the resolution before the membership, as opposed to any past correspondence on northern pike. Wayne Lifton moved, and Gary Smith seconded a vote on the resolution. Wayne Lifton moved, and Dennis McEwan seconded a decision to table a discussion of the resolution until 5:30. All chapter members voted yes, with 1 abstention.

*Editor's Note: See approved budget for 2000 on page 4.*

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**Membership:** The mailing list needs to be cleaned up this next year. Discrepancies between the people who receive *Pisces* and people who are getting (or not getting) ballots will be reconciled.

**Continuing Education:** On behalf of Kathy Hieb, it was reported that a couple of Rapid Biological Assessment courses are scheduled for this year.

**Fisheries Information Network:** Robert Blizzard has taken over as the chair of FIN. Activities this past year have included (1) a comment letter was sent to the Fish and Wildlife Service on the Cowhead Lake tui chub regarding listing, and (2) correspondence regarding northern populations of the tidewater goby.

**Pisces:** Lauren Buffaloe was unavailable, but it was noted that we should add the website address on the next *Pisces*. We are currently using a new publisher for *Pisces*, and a P.O. Box is available for any returned copies of *Pisces* so we can update our mailing list.

**Conservation:** No report.

**Awards:** Pat Coulston discussed the plan for presenting awards tonight at the banquet. He indicated that the awards process had been somewhat “Sacramento-centric” for nominees in the past. He wants to make sure we are giving proper consideration to award nominations from other areas. He would also like to present more “ad hoc” awards this next year, including hats and T-shirts to individuals who are making significant contributions to the mission and goals of AFS.

**T-Shirt Sales:** Sharon Shiba reported that we now have kid sizes available in T-shirts, and she requested ideas for other items for sale. She also mentioned that the Pacific Rim festival occurs in Sacramento in May, and that AFS will participate. There are also several other events that AFS attends, including the Salmon Festival and Earth Day.

**Sacramento-Davis Subunit:** No report.

**Student Chapter:** It was reported that a social was held for students at U.C. Davis. Discounts were offered on membership for the chapter and parent society. Eighteen new students signed up for AFS membership at the event.

**Local Arrangements:** Dave Manning announced that next year's meeting will be in Santa Rosa on March 29–31, 2000. A five year cycle is being set up for the annual meeting that includes the following locations: Ventura, Santa Rosa, Redding, Sacramento, and Tahoe. There was additional discussion regarding the timing of the annual meeting. Jerry Smith expressed some concern regarding the timing of the meeting for students. If Dave Manning gets the information on University schedules ahead of time, there could be some shift in the date. Joe Cech indicated that the current meeting schedule did not present a conflict with the U.C. Davis academic calendar.

If a current bill pending in the legislature goes through, the Friday or Monday closest to March 31 would be a state holiday (Caesar Chavez). Gary Smith suggested the end of February as a possible date, but it conflicts with the annual IEP [Interagency Ecological Program] meeting. Cay Goude said that we need to spread the dates away from other meetings otherwise we have a loss of attendees. The Salmon Restoration Conference is in February, as well as IEP, and the Wildlife Society meets at that time of the year as well. Thanks were expressed to Dave Manning for making up the bookmarks alerting people to next year's annual meeting dates.

**New Business:** Ken Hashagen recommended that we apply for Chapter of the Year. He volunteered to help develop the application. There should be an emphasis placed on material that is attached to the application, including conservation award work, student recruitment, lodging arrangements for students, and reduced student fees.

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Dave Drake indicated that there should be certificates of appreciation sent to donors of prizes and other resources for the annual meeting or perhaps an emblem sent to them. It was moved that certificates be provided and seconded with unanimous support of the chapter membership to provide a certificate of appreciation to donors.

Dave Drake expressed that the Executive Committee should be sure to speak with one voice with regard to official chapter business (i.e., the pike issue). He cited articles in *The Sacramento Bee* where there seemed to be some difference of view expressed. The annual business meeting was temporarily adjourned at 1:22 PM, to be continued at 5:30 Friday evening for discussion of the proposed resolution on northern pike.

The annual business meeting reconvened at 5:30 to discuss the proposed resolution regarding northern pike.

Dennis McEwan suggested adding text regarding the legal status and Fish and Game code sections into the resolution. He also suggested adding the term “fish toxicants” to the resolution, since there is currently no mention of specific chemicals used for treatment. Dennis also suggested that the wording be changed to “attempt eradication” as opposed to “can” eradicate.

Dennis Lee asked for clarification regarding the purpose of the resolution. He questioned whether it was meant to be an expression of support. He questioned whether we may have second thoughts if we rush into adopting this resolution.

Cay Goude expressed that the membership needs to decide what the purpose and objective of the resolution is.

Dave Drake questioned whether we need to offer a resolution simply in support of the Executive Committee regarding the pike issue.

Cay Goude expressed two additional points: (1) the letter previously transmitted by the Executive Committee was a comment on the CDFG pike plan; (2) the proposed resolution is a position statement for northern pike in all of California (not just Lake Davis). Cay also provided some suggestions for

editing an alternate Item C in the resolution to address eradication of pike in all places in California and agreed that the wording should be clarified to say "attempt" eradication.

Dan Odenweller moved to table the resolution, with a second from Gary Smith and suggested instead an expression of support of the Executive Committee for the letter on northern pike transmitted last month. The vote on Dan’s motion was 17 in favor, 18 opposed, and 4 abstaining. The motion failed.

A question was asked if there was really “no risk” to public health.

Sharon Shiba pointed out that the title for the resolution is grammatically incorrect.

Scott Wilcox suggested a change in the “risk to public health” sentence of the resolution, which was accepted by Wayne Lifton (who made the original motion regarding the resolution) and recorded by Dave Lentz.

Dennis Lee “called the question” for a vote on whether to vote on the resolution, and there was a second. The vote was 19 in favor, 16 against, and 3 abstentions for voting on the resolution. Additional discussion followed.

The vote on the resolution was 12 in favor, 21 opposed, and 4 abstentions. The resolution failed to pass.

Gary Smith expressed that there were inconsistencies in the wording of the resolution and suggested that a subcommittee be assigned to refine and rewrite the document for submittal to the membership within 60 days. Gary Smith moved and Dennis McEwan seconded that a subcommittee be formed to develop more focus for the resolution, then submit it to the membership for approval via a mail ballot. The subcommittee should be allowed to ask for additional questions and input from various parties. Gary’s motion was subsequently withdrawn.

Dan Odenweller moved and Wayne Lifton seconded a motion to support “eradication of pike in California.” The vote was all in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

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## 130th AFS Annual Meeting Promises to be a Good One!

*Rich Wehnes, 130th AFS Annual Meeting Publicity Chairman*

August 20–24, 2000, promises to be a very big week for fisheries professionals, and I invite you to be a part of it. I'm referring to the 130th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, to be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis. This year's theme is "Reflections," inviting us to take a historical look at our profession.

The meeting promises to be a great one, and there will be opportunities for professional advancement for everyone. The technical program will be first-rate, offering hundreds of technical papers in special sessions covering marine and freshwater topics. A three-day poster session will also be highlighted, with different poster papers each day, allowing an additional 150 papers on a variety of topics. You won't want to miss the unique plenary session featuring ecologist Daniel Botkin and a multimedia look at our profession. Nineteen symposia on economics, marine fisheries, water quality, human dimensions, aquatic habitat, GIS, large rivers and other timely topics are planned. Black Bass 2000, a major symposium that will summarize the current body of knowledge concerning the ecology, management and conservation of black bass, will provide an update to the first Black Bass Symposium held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, 25 years ago. You can also improve your professional knowledge and skills by participating in one of five continuing education courses on topics ranging from river geomorphology to fishery economics. And last but not least, fisheries scientists from around the world will be attending, providing you with the opportunity to network and bring back valuable insights on research and management issues.

St. Louis's location in the center of the U.S. makes travel convenient for everyone, and Missouri AFS members are working hard to make the meeting fun and meaningful to everyone.

I hope you will consider the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and encourage your colleagues to do likewise.

For more information, log on to:  
<http://www.fisheries.org/annual2000/index.htm>.

## Five Workshops Planned for AFS 130th —“Meet Me in St. Louis!”

*Laura Hutchcroft, AFS Headquarters*

Five workshops are planned for this year's annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society in St. Louis, Missouri:

- Applied River Geomorphology and Biotechnical Engineering for Fisheries Biologists
- Cooperative Learning in Fisheries Education
- An Introduction to Decision Analysis for Natural Resources Management
- Fisheries Economics for Non-economists
- The Present and Future of Minnows, Suckers, and Other Ignored Fishes of North American Midwest Streams

Workshops will be held on Sunday, August 20, from 8 AM to 5 PM. Each workshop is currently being evaluated for potential continuing education units (credits). Registration for workshops will be via the meeting registration form only. Registration forms will be available in *FISHERIES*, on the AFS website, and through the AFS office in Bethesda. The registration deadline is August 4. Three workshops have maximum enrollment limits, so register early for the conference and workshops. Full refunds will be made if any workshops are canceled (due to low enrollment) or are already filled. For titles, instructors, sponsors, information contacts, and descriptions, check the AFS website at <http://www.fisheries.org/annual2000/coned.htm>.

## Western Division AFS Annual Meeting

*Allen Bingham, WDS-AFS Webmaster*

**Telluride Convention Center  
Telluride, Colorado  
July 16-20, 2000**

You can find the registration form and the draft program for this year's Western Division Annual Meeting at these websites:

<http://www.fisheries.org/wd/meet/2000/m2000regis.htm>.

<http://www.fisheries.org/wd/meet/2000/m2000program.htm>.

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