

NEWSLETTER
TEXAS CHAPTER-AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
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President's Report: Gary has been busy planning our next executive committee meeting on June 16 and keeping everyone coordinated. He has also ordered and received some official Texas Chapter stationery. He ordered enough to last about five years for \$45. He also would like to urge each and every member of the Chapter to contact undecided congressman to push for the D-J Expansion. The D-J Expansion would put a 3% tax on the sale of new boats and motors. Boating industry sales figures show that the cost of outboard motors has been going up an average of 11.2% each year and boats by an average of 7.65%. While annual sales of boats and motors are affected by the state of the economy, there is little, if any, correlation between price increases and unit sales. A 3% tax will have virtually no effect on sales. Studies in several states show that about 90% of all recreational boats are used at some time for sport fishing. Fishing sells more boats than any other factor and even non-fishermen boaters use lakes and access facilities developed with fishermen dollars. Increased fishermen mobility due to boats and motors has placed enormous pressure on fisheries resources. It is only fair that the boating industry joined in the effort to protect the future of fishing.

A vote count of the 29 members of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee shows that slightly over half favor some D-J Expansion. To do your part contact the following members who are still making up their minds and push for passage of H.R. 2250:

Glenn M. Anderson (D-CA)	Jack Fields (R-TX)
William Carney (R-NY)	Dennis Hertel (D-MI)
Robert W. Davis (R-MI)	William J. Hughes (D-NJ)
Norman E. D'Amours (D-NH)	Earl Hutto (D-FL)
Brian J. Donnelly (D-MA)	Clay E. Shaw, Jr. (R-FL)
Charles F. Dougherty (R-PA)	Joseph F. Smith (D-PA)
Roy Dyson (D-MD)	Gerry E. Studds (D-MA)

Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Room H2-544, Annex II, Washington, D. C. 20515

President-Elect/Program Chairman Report: As mentioned in the last newsletter the 7th Annual Meeting will take place in Kerrville September 24-25. Start making plans now to attend. Registration forms and further information will be included in the August newsletter.

Abstracts must be submitted to Don Steinbach at Room 110, Nagle Hall, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843 by July 15th for the Annual Meeting. Manuscripts will not be required until the meeting when you need to give 3 copies of the manuscript to the Editorial Committee Chairmen. You must be a member of the Chapter to present a paper! Instructions for Manuscript Preparation are included at the end of this newsletter.

The program committee is still interested in requests or preferences for the panel discussion Friday afternoon. Possibilities include Stocking of Exotics in Texas, Grass Carp Use in Texas, Freshwater Inflows to Estuarine Areas in Texas, Red Drum Laws and Management in Texas. Please let us know your preference on a subject. If it is easier to call then call me at 512-479-4800 ext. 2314 or call Don at 713-845-7471.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report: The Texas Chapter currently has 140 members which is the highest ever. As of May 13, 1982 the treasury contained \$481.76 in a savings account and \$75.69 in a checking account for a total of \$557.45. The printing of the proceedings has already been paid for (\$539.28) and other expenditures this year have been for printing the newsletter, postage and a few expenses from the 6th Annual Chapter Meeting. We have earned about \$20.00 in interest (\$19.61) and \$45 for sales of Proceedings I-III.

Awards Report: Holt Williamson has worked hard to document the Awards Criteria, guidelines and categories:

1. The five categories for Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year are Culture, Management, Research, Education and Special. If no nominations are received in a specific category before the specific deadline, no award will be given in that category. If the awards committee does not feel a suitable recipient was nominated for a specific category, (although several nominations may have been submitted), no award will be given for that category.
2. Nominee qualifications. All nominees must be current members of the Texas Chapter with the exception of the Special category where a non-member or member may be nominated. An individual must have made, in the opinion of the nominator and the Awards Committee, a substantial contribution in the field of fisheries, in the year and category for which that individual is nominated -- an exception being an individual whose credit rests on an impressive body of work conducted over an extended period of time. A qualified nominee who has previously been nominated or received an award, regardless of category, can still be nominated and selected as a recipient. Selection is at the discretion of the Awards Committee. A nominee can receive only one award per year although he or she may have received nominations in more than one category. An individual whose qualifications are substantial but not easily categorized may be nominated for the Special Category.
3. Nominator qualifications. Any member in good standing may make one or more nominations. However a nominator cannot nominate the same individual for different categories or different individuals for the same category. It is the nominator's responsibility to provide to the Awards Committee as much pertinent information as possible concerning their nominee. This includes the nominee's name, position and title; business address and name of employer or organization; why the nominator feels the nominee's deserving of an award. The last requirement may include such information as a synopsis of meritorious fisheries work i.e. employment in fisheries and related areas, education, awards, publications, organizations and any other areas of achievement.

A nomination form is included at the end of this newsletter.

Nominations Report: Please send any nominations for 1982-83 Secretary-Treasurer and President-Elect to Jerry Turrentine, P. O. Box 1001, Uvalde, Texas 78801.

Advertisement Report: Allan Forshage reports that we have not received any contributions for 1981-82. Most contributions last year were received in the late summer. Please let Allan know of any likely candidates at Route 10, Box 1043, Tyler, Texas 75707.

Membership Report: As mentioned before our membership is the highest ever. Don Whitmore and others have really worked hard to increase it - you can also help by encouraging friends and co-workers in the field to join up. Don also reports that the Fisheries Workers Directory is now on the computer at SWTSU and it is very easy now to make additions and other changes.

Publicity Report: Jimmy Dean is still working on free advertising for a "package deal" of sale of proceedings. No bites so far but he's still fishing.

Editorial Committee: The Proceedings have been printed and are at A&M now. I will pick them up Memorial Day and begin distribution. We will try to distribute as many as possible in person in order to save postage. If any of you are going to be in Austin sometime soon after Memorial Day please let me know and Gary Matlock and I will arrange to get your copy to you in Austin.

Pond Management Report: The Chapter bulletin entitled "Stocking and Management Recommendations for Texas Farm Ponds" is being distributed by Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Ag. Extension Service and Soil Conservation Service. TPWD and SCS have published copies of the bulletin in their print shops for distribution. The Ag. Extension Service is doing the same thing, however, in order to have the publication (distributed on a routine basis to county extension agents, it is necessary to include the extension logo on the front of the publication (see attached example). A statement crediting the Texas Chapter with publication of the bulletin is included on the inside cover. Don Steinbach has requested permission to publish the bulletin in this format as it will increase his ability to get the information out to the general public. Bill Rutledge, Chairman of the Farm Pond Management Committee, is requesting Chapter input regarding this matter. Please write Bill and voice your opinions on this matter. No response will be interpreted as a favorable vote and Don will be authorized to proceed with the publication in this format.

News From the National: Ed Harrison wrote to us that 'The Environmental Concerns Committee of the American Fisheries Society is canvassing each chapter for nominations of National or local issues suitable for development of position papers. In this time when concern for the environment seems to be waning, our participation in this effort is especially important.' I can think of several 'local' and national topics for concern - such as the proposed use of part of Nueces Bay for dredge spoil disposal and the attitudes of water authority bodies concerning leaving adequate brush in new reservoirs. Keep this call for responses in mind for discussion at the Annual Meeting.

A glossary of Fish Health Terms, produced by the Fish Health Section of AFS will be sold out soon. There are less than 60 copies left of this \$5.00 publication available from the Central Office of AFS, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

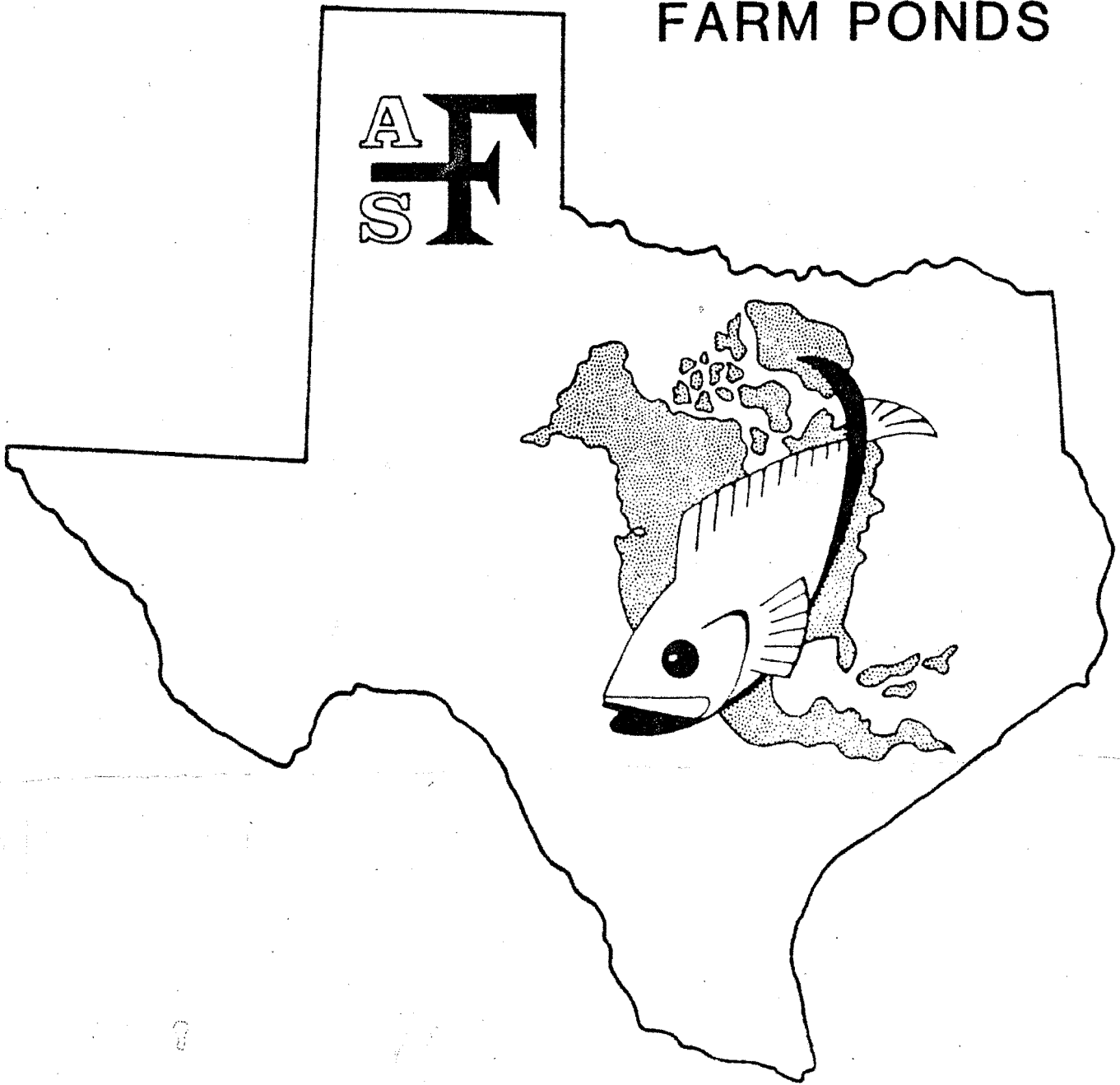
Student Housing for the AFS Annual Meeting at Hilton Head, S. C. September 22-25 is being coordinated by the Fisheries Educators Section under the chairmanship of Dr. Mike Van Den Avyle at the Georgia Coop Fishery Unit, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. Several villas will be available adjacent to the Hyatt at Hilton Head. The Fishery Educators hope to persuade "fisheries universities" to rent a villa at the weekly rate, then fill it with as many students as possible. This could cut costs considerably. Contact Dr. Van Den Avyle if you're interested.

An AFS Recreational Fisheries Section is taking shape under the direction of Dr. Bob Goldstein, 4818 North Hill's Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27616.

The Fisheries Administrator's and Fisheries Management Section have joined forces in planning for a nationwide Urban Fishing Symposium in 1983. The effort has attracted considerable interest from such groups as the U. S. Conference of Mayors, The National League of Cities, The National Recreation and Parks Association, U. S. Corps of Engineers and The U. S. Chamber of Commerce. No address was included but if you're interested you could write the AFS Central Office at the address mentioned above.

A call for papers has been issued by the AFS Southern Division for the 36th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Fish and Wildlife Association. The meeting will be held at Jacksonville, Florida October 31-November 3, 1982. Manuscripts for papers must follow guidelines available from Dr. Larry Nelson, 1018 Cheatham Hall, VPI & SU, Blacksburg, VA 24062 - phone 703-961-6944. Papers must be submitted by July 1.

STOCKING AND MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEXAS FARM PONDS



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Daniel C. Pfannstiel, Director
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Affiliation: _____
Job Position: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Areas of Interest: _____

Mail to: Don Whitmore
Biology Dept.
UT at Arlington
Arlington, Texas

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL: TEXAS CHAPTER AFS

I hereby apply for membership in the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and am enclosing a check (payable to Texas Chapter AFS) for annual 1982 dues.

Check One _____ Regular membership (\$5) _____ Student (\$4)

Type or Print: Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Primary Field of Interest: _____

Send to: Texas Chapter - AFS
c/o Maury Ferguson
1113 Spearson Lane
Austin, Tx 78745

TEXAS CHAPTER
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HONOR AWARDS NOMINATION
OUTSTANDING FISHERIES WORKER
1982

Nominee (Mr., Dr., Mrs., or Miss as it should appear on certificate or plaque).

Nominated by: _____

Current Position of Nominee _____

Official Headquarters (City and State) _____

Nomination Category: Culture () Management () Research ()
Education () Special Non-member of Member ()

Basis for Nomination (why this person deserves the award).

Synopsis of employment in fisheries, related areas, education, awards or honors received, publications, or any other information related to nominee's achievements. (Not required for nomination, but this information could be helpful).