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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dave Cross

I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas; and for those of you that went through the federal furlough, I hope your Christmas was not unduly stressed. I also wish each of you a prosperous and productive New Year.

Over this past summer and the holidays I had the opportunity to review the situation for anadromous fish in another part of the country (California) and once again came away with the feeling that as agency (state, federal, and tribal) biologists we are only documenting a long terminal illness for many of our stocks of native fishes. I also came away with a renewed conviction that our Society must have a role in policy making if we are to make a difference. Interestingly, but perhaps not unexpectedly, our letters to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and the Governor, volunteering the Chapter's services have gone unanswered, reaffirming my concern that our Chapter is not seen as having a role in the decisions that will be made concerning Idaho's aquatic resources. At our annual meeting I would like to discuss with any and all of you effective ways of establishing recognition of a role for the ICAFS with state decision makers.

At our recent EXCOM meeting we discussed the plans of President-Elect Chip Corsi for the annual meeting in Coeur d'Alene. From what we heard I believe we will have a number of excellent sessions and a productive meeting. We initiated work on two Chapter position statements. One will deal with the federally funded ERFO program (Emergency Relief for Federal Owned roads). This program is administered by the Soil Conservation Service under provisions of Section 403 of the Agriculture Credit Act of 1978. Application of this program often results in the replacement of poorly designed culverts with the original poor design, reloading the gun for many forest stream systems. Jody Brostrom will lead the effort on this position statement with assistance from Chip Corsi. The second position statement will deal with riparian systems in forested ecosystems. Kirk Lohman, co-chair for the Riparian Committee will lead this effort.

We will hold an EXCOM meeting the evening

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before the annual meeting at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. All members are encouraged to attend. I'd like to stress again that **we need your participation** at this year's annual meeting. With the issues facing fisheries in Idaho we need all of our membership present to help chart our future. I look forward to meeting with you all in Coeur d'Alene this February.

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Chip Corsi

Location

Planning for the 1996 Annual Meeting continues, with a few minor changes. For those of you in need of a refresher, meeting dates are February 29 - March 2 in Coeur d'Alene. The meeting location has changed to the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Construction activities at the Coeur d'Alene Inn, the previously scheduled site of the meeting, caused the change in location. The CDA Resort is located at the junction of Northwest Boulevard and Sherman Avenue in downtown Coeur d'Alene. People traveling westbound on I-90 can take the Sherman Avenue exit, those traveling up Highway 95 can take the Northwest Boulevard exit.

Lodging

The CDA Resort will honor the room costs quoted to us by the CDA Inn. Rooms are available at a flat rate of \$45.00 per night (i.e. multiple occupancy costs the same as single occupancy), allowing you under funded graduate students the opportunity for a slumber party. Reservations can be made by contacting the CDA Resort at 1-800-688-5253 or 208-765-4000. Make sure you let them know you are with the Idaho Chapter of AFS, as the CDA Resort will give us a better break on the meeting if we get enough reservations. With adequate registration, we may be able to provide a free room for students. In order to guarantee your room and rates, **make your reservation no later than January 29**. Those of you wishing to stay over may want to take advantage of recreational opportunities such as ice fishing or skiing at one of the nearby resorts. There are plenty of good eateries within walking distance of the hotel.

Travel

For those of you wishing to travel together from the Boise area and points north to Coeur d'Alene, Bill Horton has arranged for a bus capable of taking 40+ people. It looks like the cost will be about \$20.00 per person, but we will need a minimum sign up of 40 people. The bus will depart Boise at noon on February 28 and arrive in Coeur d'Alene that evening. The return trip will depart Coeur d'Alene immediately after the end of the meeting. Call Bill at 208-334-3791 for information and reservations.

Preliminary Agenda

As for the meeting, the format will essentially be the same as in previous years. On Thursday morning, John Varley of Yellowstone National Park will be giving his keynote address on the managing for, with, and around native species - this year's meeting theme. John has an extensive background in working with native species and currently heads up research programs in Yellowstone. His presentation promises to be thought provoking and entertaining. Subsequent presentations will deal with the meeting theme, with technical sessions on Friday and Saturday.

To date I have received approximately 25 abstracts from those of you planning to give a presentation at this year's meeting. That still leaves some openings for those of you who haven't gotten around to submitting an abstract yet but are interested in presenting. The technical/professional sessions are really the heart of the annual meeting and the primary reason we get together each year. Therefore, I strongly encourage your participation and hope we can fill out the program with the high quality presentations we've become accustomed to. I'm also in need of volunteers to be session moderators. I'll look forward to hearing from you in the near future, and remember to reserve your rooms early.

Pre-Registration

Two pre-registration forms are included in this newsletter. Please fill out the form and mail with your check enclosed, no later than February 18 to the address indicated on the form. Please act fast. Because our meeting is a couple of weeks earlier than in previous years, there is little time between receipt of this newsletter and the meeting. As in the past, all pre-registrants are entered into a drawing for a print to be given away at the meeting. Only pre-registrants will be entered in the drawing.

If you haven't paid your National dues at the time of the meeting, you can pay when you register; forms will be available. Students may register at no cost if they are members of

National AFS; the National student registration fee is \$35.00. Non-AFS members may register for the meeting at a cost of \$70.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RARE AND NATIVE FISHES

Kim Apperson and Jody Brostrom

The Committee has been working to pull together an informal nongame fish identification session to be held at the annual meeting. We plan to hold it between 1700-2000 hours February 28, the night before the meetings. Specimens and keys will be available, and Rod Scarpella will share his expertise of sculpins, recently broadened at the Oregon Chapter's Sculpin Identification Workshop.

Judy Hall-Griswold graciously donated her time and skill in doing the artwork for the native fish mugs that will be available at the meeting. The mugs will have Pacific lamprey and Bonneville cutthroat on them.

Kim Apperson has attended meetings on the Governor's Bull Trout Conservation Strategy Plan. A final draft should be hitting the streets soon, and the Chapter will be formally requesting a copy to peer review.

FUNDING

Jim Chandler

If anyone has donations for the raffle and/or auction, please let Jim Chandler know and bring the items to the meeting. Also, please bring a collection of flies to the meeting to donate to the “fish-o-flies” to be auctioned off. If you have some flies to donate but will not be attending the meeting, please get the flies to a member who can deliver them to the meeting.

**NEW FISHERIES CRISIS
DISCOVERED IN IDAHO**

Bruce Rich

Since I got your attention with that scam headline I know that you care about Idaho's fisheries; of course that should be inherent in the fact that you are an ICAFS member. But how much do you care? Are you ready to up your commitment beyond your agency or company role and work for the resource through your professional society? Do you know someone else who has voiced this desire and/or seems like they would be particularly suited to a leadership position with the ICAFS? Have I got a deal for you...

It's nomination time for new ICAFS officers, so this your opportunity to nominate yourself or a colleague for an elected position on the EXCOM (Executive Committee). The following positions are currently open for nominations with the election to be held at the ICAFS Annual Meeting in North Idaho at the end of February (you do not need to be present to win):

POSITION	EXCOM COMMITMENT
Nominations Chair	1 year
Secretary Treasurer	1 year
Vice President	4 years*

* 1 year as Vice Pres., 1 year as President Elect, 1 year as President, and 1 year as Past Pres.

If you are thinking that the time may be right for you or someone you know to go the extra mile for our fish resources, please contact me with questions and/or a nomination @: WORK PHONE (208) 525-7290 or WORK FAX (208) 523-7604

I will contact all individuals nominated to make sure they want be on the ballot and know what they're getting into. Thank you for your help with this.

AFS 2000

Dan Herrig

Recently, two Chapter members volunteered to help with the Society's campaign to raise \$1.25 million by the year 2000 to help defray rising publication costs and strengthen information programs. Dan Herrig is the Western Division's representative for the Idaho, Bonneville, and Montana chapters and Bill Horton is our Idaho Chapter representative.

During the past year all of you have received information in the mail regarding the goals for AFS 2000 and seen articles in Fisheries, so you should be somewhat familiar the campaign. The Society is looking for some level of donation or pledge from about 40 percent of the membership. Bill and Dan are available to answer any of your additional questions, and they'll be tempting you in various ways to contribute to this worthy cause.

EXCOM MEETING

The EXCOM met on January 4 in Lewiston; the primary agenda item was planning for the upcoming meeting. Also, as noted in Dave Cross's President's Message, was the initiation of efforts on two position statements from the Chapter. If you would like to participate in the preparation of the positions papers, please contact the leaders of the efforts.

The EXCOM approved a motion to review and amend the ICAFS by-laws. The EXCOM is concerned that the current by-laws do not allow for a quick response to fisheries issues that come before us. We are reviewing our procedures for review and comment on issues, and will be proposing amendments that allow for a quicker response time. If you have any comments to offer, or are interested in reviewing the by-laws, please contact Al Espinosa or Pete Hassemer.

The next EXCOM meeting will be the evening of February 28, the night prior to the start of the annual meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.