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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tim Cochnauer

INVOLVEMENT

Here I sit, as one of my colleagues refers to as the EXALTED LEADER, in the role of Idaho Chapter President. The colleague also relates that great wisdom should expound from this position. I am proud to serve in this role, but am not sure the position is deserving of exalted leader status. However, I do have to go through the process of expounding several times in this media during my tenure. Having just returned (in September) from the National and Western Division meetings in Monterey, California, I am not short of topics for the newsletter as it was easy to relate to many of the items of discussion that precipitated during that short meeting.

This year the Western Division found themselves with barely enough individuals volunteering to place their names for nomination for the various executive committee positions. I was surprised, as they were, that of the 3,000 plus members so few people would consider running for office. That also seems to be the case here in Idaho. Annually the nomination chairperson struggles with finding Idaho members to run for our three entry offices. As with the National and Western Division, no one person has to shoulder the burden of making sure the Idaho Chapter functions. That role is shouldered by the executive committee and the many other people who participate in the various committees. A whole bunch of people doing a little work is more efficient than a few people doing a lot of work. Now is the time for you to commit. Whether it is volunteering to help with the newsletter or running for office, your role is important in either capacity. You don't have to wait until next year to join a committee. If you have an idea, call the appropriate committee chairperson. Soon Jim Chandler will be calling people to have their names placed on the ballot next February. Don't give some lame excuse and hang up the phone, volunteer now.

1998 ANNUAL MEETING SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

Cincy Deacon Williams

The 1998 annual meeting of Idaho Chapter, AFS will start Thursday, February 26 and end Saturday February 28. The theme of the Annual Meeting will be: "*Dynamic Management: dealing with vibrant ecological, social and policy realities.*" It will be preceded by a training workshop on Wednesday, February 25 on: "*Landscape Scale Disturbance: Effects on Aquatic Ecosystems.*" Both the training workshop and the Chapter meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Westbank in Idaho Falls.

The annual meeting will include one general session (including a keynote address) and four technical sessions. Those of you planning to present papers or posters should contact me or, as appropriate, one of the already designated session chairs as soon as possible. Presenters must submit abstracts of their paper to Cindy Deacon Williams by December 31, preferably in WordPerfect on diskette or by E-mail.

For general questions, inquiries about the general session or the contributed papers technical sess, and to submit abstracts for all sessions, contact:

Cindy Deacon Williams
1998 IDAFS Annual Meeting
P.O. Box 925
Eagle, Idaho 83616
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The EXCOM met on September 15, 1997 in McCall, Idaho. Most of the meeting focused on issues facing the Chapter and the Western Division, including a proposal to restructure the Division, Chapter participation in the 1998 Western Division meeting, a proposal to rename

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(If using E-mail, please put "IDAFS Annual Meeting" in the subject line)

For inquiries about the "themed" sessions please contact the appropriate session leader.

Mike Larkin:

Technical Session I: Partnership Efforts
(208) 756-2271

Ed Lider:

Technical Session II: Special Status Species
(208) 664-2318

Brett Roper

Technical Session III: Water Quality and Quantity
Issues
(208) 765-7223

Pre-Meeting Training / Workshop February 25, 1997

The Chapter will sponsor a pre-meeting training workshop on Wednesday, February 25, 1998 in Idaho Falls: "*Landscape Scale Disturbance: Effects on Aquatic Ecosystems.*" Plan now to attend this interesting and informative workshop

EXCOM MEETING

Squawfish, and seeking funding from the Division. Discussion included Chapter participation in upcoming conferences for westslope cutthroat and bull trout. EXCOM members also discussed expanding the scholarship endowments.

The next EXCOM meeting will be on December 1st at the Fish and Game office in McCall, Idaho. All EXCOM members should plan to attend.

NOMINATIONS....

Jim Chandler

Nominations are open for the positions of Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Nominating Committee Chair. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, or know someone who is, please contact Jim. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in February.

ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Chip Corsi

Every year at the Annual Meeting, the Chapter makes an effort to recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution to Idaho's fishery resources, the fisheries profession and/or the Chapter. As Past President, I have the privilege of making the presentations at the business meeting, where there is an opportunity to recognize these outstanding individuals at a gathering of their peers. But, in order to recognize someone, I will need nominations.

Awards can recognize a one time contribution, or long-standing record of contributions. They may go to someone for outstanding research, management actions, service to the Chapter, mentoring, leadership, etc. If you know of someone who has made a significant contribution

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during the past year, or deserves recognition for their longstanding commitment and contributions to the profession and the resource, I strongly encourage you to forward your nominations to me by January 15, 1998. DON'T DELAY! Also, if you nominate yourself, make it good.

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Sept. 30 - Oct. 3, 1998

The 1998 Western Division, American Fisheries

Society Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 16th Lowell Wakefield Fisheries Symposium in Anchorage in late September and early October 1998. The meeting is being co-sponsored by the Alaska Chapter, North Pacific International Chapter and Alaska Sea Grant.

The Wakefield Symposium has been sponsored and coordinated annually since 1982 by the Alaska Sea Grant College Program. This symposium attracts an international audience of scientists, primarily from high-latitude countries. The theme of the combined meeting is "Ecosystem Considerations in Fisheries Management".

Abstracts for the Wakefield Symposium sessions, both oral and poster, will be published soon after the symposium. Preparation for publishing the proceedings and the international audience typically attracted by the Wakefield program necessitates that the program be established well in advance of the meeting date. Therefore, all abstracts must be received prior to January 15, 1998. Those interested in developing a session should call Bob Bilby (253-924-6557) before November 15 1997.

Abstracts must include:

1. Brief title in upper/lower case type
2. Author(s) names, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address
3. Text of the abstract, not to exceed 300 words
4. Whether the presentation is oral or poster

Presentations for the Wakefield Session (which will require a manuscript) should be submitted by e-mail (as part of the message, not as an

attachment) to FNBRB@uaf.edu or if e-mail is not available submit hard copy and electronic copy to:

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Abstracts intended for presentation in sessions other than the Wakefield Symposium should be e-mailed to bilbyb@wdni.com or hard copy and electronic copy sent to:

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committees are all busy implementing action

plans for 1997. Please contact your committee chair to find out how you can be involved.

FUNDING

Rick Wilkison

Thanks again to everyone who donated items and/or their time to the 1997 fundraising raffle and auction. Letters will be sent to businesses and individual donors in November and December to get a jump on donations for the 1998 meeting. With winter settling in, now is the time for fly-tiers to start working on fly patterns for the "fish-o'flies". Last year's "styromonid" was a little bare compared to previous specimens. Let's work to make it a true fur-bearer this year. Anyone wishing to donate flies or other items or with new ideas for donations please contact:

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PUBLIC EDUCATION

Jim Fredericks

The Committee is working to finalize the slide shows to be distributed to regional coordinators. When the presentations are completed, letters will be sent to schools and other potential audiences to inform them of their availability. This is a great opportunity to educate the public on important fisheries issues and to promote public awareness of the ICAFS. Another objective of the Committee's current efforts is to promote education of area youths about the importance of habitat, aquatic ecosystems, and fisheries science.

RARE AND NATIVE FISH COMMITTEE

Edward Lider and Mike Owen

WATER QUALITY/QUANTITY

Dave Statler and Rob Harper

Per request from Cindy Deacon Williams, co-chair Rob harper and committee member Brett Roper drafted comments on EPA's proposed water quality standards for Idaho. Of particular interest were proposed standards to protect bull trout.

STREAM HYDRAULICS

Glen Mendel

The recently established Stream Hydraulics Committee is working on several interesting issues. They recently distributed a draft document about guidance for stream alteration work and emergency waivers for review and comment. They also put together a contact list and requested that committee members submit recommendations for goals and priorities for the committee to begin work on. Please contact Glen with your ideas.

RIPARIAN

Dale Allen

The Committee completed an assessment procedure for riparian impacts from livestock grazing. Dale would appreciate comments from anyone who has used the procedure. The committee is also working on a brochure, in coordination with the Ted Trueblood Chapter of Trout Unlimited, highlighting the advantages of good riparian management. This brochure builds on the Chapters' Riparian Position Statement and provides examples of grazing management that resulted in improved fishery habitats. This product will be reviewed during this year's Annual Meeting.

The Rare and Native Fish Committee has spent most of the summer in the field. After the annual meeting the committee was involved in a

preliminary review of the proposed listing for the West-slope cutthroat trout. Rod Scarpella continued to coordinate the inventory of the posters and the distribution both within state and out of state. The Rare and Native Fish Committee looked at the development of a pamphlet patterned after the rare and native fish poster and also a T-shirt. The EXCOM decided to hold off on the development of both these projects due to costs. The bull trout pamphlet has been a great success to date. We have distributed it through both state and federal agencies and will continue with its distribution. The Chapter currently has plenty on hand and they are available for distribution. The committee will continue with it's emphasis on rare and native fish species. We will be working with the Palouse Chapter on the development of workshops and a collection of fish at the University of Idaho. We hope this collection and workshop can be utilized to help train fisheries personnel around the state on the identification of rare and native fish species.

One of the sessions at the 1998 annual meeting will focus on rare and native fishes. We are currently looking for students, researchers, and biologists who have information on rare and native fish species and are willing to share this information with fellow biologists. Please contact Ed Lider at (208) 769-3000 or Cindy Deacon Williams if you would like to present a paper concerning rare and native fish.

All ICAFS Committees will be meeting during the Annual Meeting this year in February. Committee meetings will be on Thursday at 12:00 with box lunches. Here is another way you can become involved in the Idaho Chapter. Plan on attending one of these committee meetings of your interest. For more information on a particular committee - do not hesitate to call the committee chairs.

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