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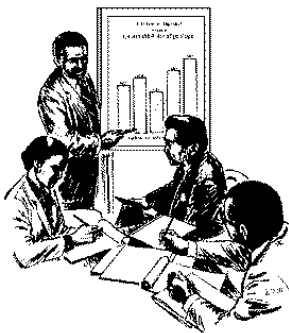
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TCAFS Annual Meeting Update

TCAFS President-elect, Gary Garrett reports that plans for the annual TCAFS meeting in January are proceeding and wanted to let the membership know some of the details so they can plan to attend the meeting. The meeting is being planned for Galveston at the Moody Gardens. The meeting will take place Monday-Wednesday, Jan 27-29 (Super Bowl is the 26th). Rooms will be at state rate with the banquet being held Monday night. More information will be coming in the next edition of the newsletter.



TCAFS RAFFLE and AUCTION

By David De Leon

Calling all members! Calling all members! It's time again for all members of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to go hit the pavement and start soliciting goods and services for the annual auction and raffle. Donation letters will be mailed out to past contributors, but we still need all members to be our local contacts. Proceeds from the annual auction allow the chapter to provide scholarships and travel funds for deserving students in fisheries and wildlife. Handmade crafts, prints, outdoor equipment, and guided hunting and fishing trips have always been particularly popular, but small items such as lures, t-shirts, caps etc. are just as important for the raffle. If you are able to organize or donate a product or service, please contact David De Leon (806-655-4341, email ddeleon@cox-internet.com) or Brian Van Zee (806-655-4341, email bvanzee@cox-internet.com) and we can get you a copy of the donation letter to present to potential contributors. If every member can go out and solicit at least one item, we can make this the best auction and raffle ever.



TCAFS ExCom Meeting

Debbie Wade
Secretary/Treasurer

TCAFS Tournament Sponsorship?

Ray Mathews, Jr.
TCAFS Historian/Archivist

June 12, 2002

In attendance were Gene Wilde, Ray Mathews, David DeLeon, Tim Bonner, Robert Mauk, Bruce Hysmith, John Mocygamba, Gary Garrett and Deborah Wade.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Gene Wilde.

Ray Mathews presented a request for the Chapter to help sponsor tournaments with the Deaf Angling Association. This would enable the Chapter to obtain some very positive feedback, but several negative aspects were also discussed. The ExCom decided to ask for input from the membership at large on the issue. Please see the following article discussing this request and how to voice your opinion.

Gary Garrett has begun planning the 2003 meeting, which will be held in Galveston. He is working closely with Jay Rooker in an effort to involve both Jay and his students in the meeting planning process. Several dates were discussed for the meeting with the final date selection being dependent upon the availability of meeting rooms at Moody Gardens.

With an eye to the future and to ensure that each meeting pays for itself the meeting pre-registration will be 30.00 and at the door 40.00. Student registration will remain 15.00 and 20.00 dollars respectively.

Bruce Hysmith is soliciting possible topics for Continuing Education. The ExCom made several suggestions but nothing has been confirmed yet.

Robert Mauk reported that the deadline for the next newsletter is July 1.

David and Brian Van Zee are taking on the duties of chairing the Publicity and Exhibits Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Many of you will recall that we gave a Special Recognition in Fisheries Work award this year to the Austin Bass Club for the Deaf (ABCD). That was a really special recognition for those people who are hearing impaired, and I cannot tell you how much they appreciated that award. Matt Erickson, Tournament Chair for ABCD, has repeatedly indicated via email to me of his interest in participating in the TCAFS activities, such as assisting with improvements in our web site. He is developing a fishing web site, which many of you may enjoy looking at: fishandfishing.org He plans on having fishing information on selected fishing sites in Texas on this web site, which will be for all anglers, not just deaf anglers. It is not complete at this time.

This leads me to his request for the TCAFS to sponsor one or more fishing tournaments for him, as a member of the ABCD. Matt wants to promote himself into the professional fishing tournament arena, and to accomplish that he needs funding to cover the cost of entry registration, fishing equipment, transportation, and an interpreter (hand signing for the deaf). He wants to generate recognition with the public that he is a capable fisherman, and that other deaf fishermen can be successful too. His goal is to bridge the culture gap between deaf and normal hearing anglers.

Matt Erickson has suggested a funding amount of \$50 for the 2003 fishing tournament season. He will need to wear a hat and shirt with TCAFS emblems to identify us as the sponsor, which would need to be donated also. The recognition of the TCAFS at fishing tournaments may be a benefit to our organization.

The question is whether TCAFS membership wants to involve the organization in this activity and dedicate some funds to this pursuit. I personally have mixed emotions. It is a good cause, but it takes time to work with members of the ABCD and I am not sure if their goal is consistent with the TCAFS. At the recent steering committee meeting, I heard mostly positive comments, suggesting that we should diversify our activities and outreach to those outside our scientific inclination. Thus, I am asking you to send comments to Robert Mauk at maukrobert@hotmail.com, so that I am totally out of the loop. He will work with the Steering Committee to determine what action the TCAFS should take on this matter.



Vancouver, British Columbia to Host 4th World Fisheries Congress

By

Bruce Ward and Dana Schmidt

Co-Chairs of the 4th World Fisheries Congress

The American Fisheries Society is honored to have been selected as the host of the 4th World Fisheries Congress to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia on May 2-6, 2004. The selection was announced at the 3rd World Fisheries Congress held in Beijing, China. This is the first time this global event has been held in North America. The Theme of the 4th Congress is: "Reconciling Fisheries with Conservation: The Challenge of Managing Aquatic Ecosystems". An international array of prestigious fisheries scientists will be giving keynote addresses, and chairing program sessions. In addition, the program contains over 40 sessions that address the most pressing issues in fisheries management in both freshwater and marine ecosystems, along with a special forum for interested industry representatives and non-governmental organizations. The details of the program and venue will be provided as they become available on the web page. An expression of interest form is included on the web page to ensure you are kept current on all future announcements. We will periodically provide you with an update notice concerning any news and pertinent deadlines related to the Congress. We will also be calling on all of the Chapters, Sections, and Divisions of the American Fisheries Society to ask assistance in putting on the Congress to ensure the international family of fisheries professionals that visit North America will experience a World Class event. This event will likely be a once-in-a-lifetime event for most of us, so please put these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend now. We look forward seeing you in Vancouver in 2004!! For more information please visit the website (www.worldfisheries2004.org).

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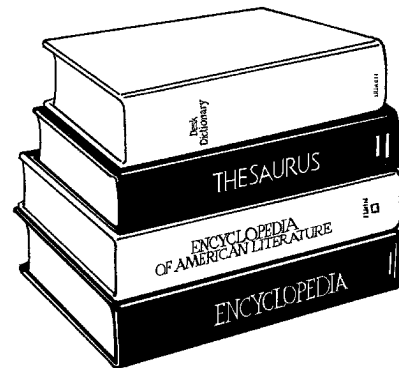
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Fishes of Alaska

By

Catherine W. Mecklenburg, T. Anthony Mecklenburg and Lyman K. Thorsteinson

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By
Christine M. Moffitt

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Gary A. Wedemeyer, editor

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By
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Douglas A. Dixon, eds.

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By
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AFS EXPANDS ITS MENTORING PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The American Fisheries Society (AFS) is continuing its successful educational program designed to develop an interest in the fisheries profession among minority and women high school students. In its second year, the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program has expanded significantly, more than doubling the number of students that could be accepted into the program. The fifty students chosen to participate in the Summer 2002 Hutton Program represent twenty-three states and Puerto Rico. Each student selected is matched with a professional mentor in a federal, state, or university setting for a summer-long, hands-on experience in fisheries science in either a marine or freshwater environment. A scholarship is provided to each student accepted into the program. Financial supporters of the 2002 Hutton Program include Alaska Department of Fish and Game, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, National Marine Fisheries Service, United States Forest Service, and the following AFS subunits: Minnesota Chapter, North Central Division, and Southern Division. For more information on the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program, please visit the AFS website at www.fisheries.org.

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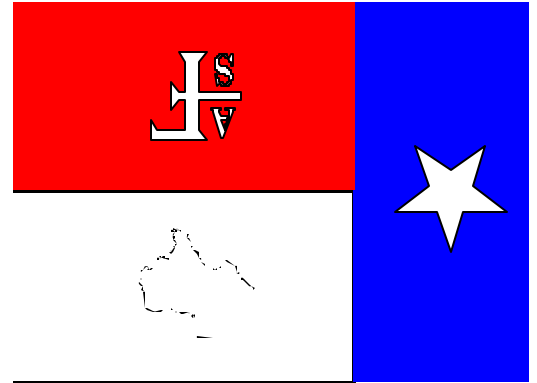
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