



# The Newsletter of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Prentice

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the Texas Chapter has been busy in many fronts this year. Activities of the various committees have continued to work at providing you an ever-improving organization. It has been a great honor for me this year to have worked with these committees and you, the membership, in our efforts of information exchange and stewardship of our aquatic natural resources. One area I hope each of you take advantage of is the ability to vote for officers prior to the annual meeting. Details for the procedure are outlined in this newsletter by the Nominations Committee. Much of the area of concern during this year has revolved around water in one context or another. There will be special emphasis on water issues in the panel discussion at this year's annual meeting that should be very important to all of us, so I remind each of you to make plans to be present.

Paul Hammerschmidt has planned an exciting meeting in Corpus Christi, January 23 – 26, 1999. In addition to the wonderful meeting location and a Social / Banquet at the Texas State Aquarium, there will be a full slate of continuing education opportunities and technical presentations. Please review the accompanying article in this newsletter from Paul concerning annual meeting details and a draft meeting agenda. You will see that Paul has done a really great job in meeting preparations. Then, please plan to be present and participate at Corpus Christi. We will follow this newsletter with another mail-out of the final meeting agenda in early January, but take note of date deadlines for early meeting

registration and making hotel reservations at the special meeting rates.

I remind each of you of the quote from American Fisheries Society President, William Taylor, in *Fisheries* (Volume 23, Number 8), "Effective management of fisheries and aquatic resources depends on our ability to be inclusive, relevant, innovative, and professional." I thank you all for helping to keep those words as descriptors of the Texas Chapter. I pray the best for each of you until next time we meet.

## *Minutes of EXCOM Meeting*

*11-10-98 by Dave Terre*

Report: Total assets of the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society were \$34,408.00 as of 9-30-98. The balance of our checking account as today (11-10-98) is \$11,323.92.

Other Financial Business: WHAT scholarship money (\$1,000) for 1999 was received and deposited.

The market value of our portfolio has declined due to changes in the stock market. On 12/31/98 the market value of our account was \$28,621. On 9/31/98 the market value of our account was \$23,989; a \$4,632 decline for the year. I called Larry Milton of Merrill Lynch and he recommended some changes to our accounts. Basically he recommended that a portion of our investments (those in the ML World Income Fund) be moved to a ML Global Value Fund. In his words, "the ML Global Fund has been a good performer". This mutual fund is invested 50/50 in US and Worldwide markets (mostly European; not Asian) and is comprised of



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Blue Chip stocks. This particular fund is a little more risky than the other but apparently has a better return on investment. There would be no transaction costs and he recommended that the sooner we do it the better.

EXCOM resolution of this issue: A motion was made by Dave Terre to remind Merrill Lynch of our goals and follow Larry Milton's recommendations for changes in our investment portfolio. The motion was seconded by President Prentice and was passed unanimously by the EXCOM.

#### Business Meeting Notes (11-10-98):

Most of our meeting was spent organizing and planning for our Annual meeting in January. Paul Hammerschmidt (President Elect) led discussions in this area. See below for more detail.

#### Committee Reports:

John Moczygema (Nominations) announced the nominations made for new officers. See below for more detail.

Debbie Wade (Membership) reported that the Chapter currently has 202 professional and 18 student members.

Mike Brice (Endowments) did not attend but provided a written report of his committees (Rafe Brock, Loraine Fries, Reese Sparrow, and Brian Van Zee) work. Scholarship announcements were mailed to 60 universities. A new standardized scoring system was developed for evaluating applications. Mike reported a weak initial response to the scholarship announcement. It was recommended that Mike and his committee re-contact these folks personally and that the whole membership body become more involved in advertising/promoting these awards. WHAT scholarship money (\$1,000) for 1999 was received and forwarded to Dave Terre.

Charles Munger (Newsletter) reported that Volume 24 Number 3 was sent out to the membership. Emailed issues saved the chapter \$121.50.

Steve Poarch (Publicity and Exhibits) reported that his committee sent out letters to potential contributors/exhibitors for the annual meeting. More work will be accomplished in December. Other potential contacts and fund raising strategies were discussed. Contact Steve if you know someone who might be interested in contributing.

Gordon Linam (Editorial) said that seven presentation topics were received thus far. He indicated that we have room for at least 10 more.

Malcolm Johnson (Pond Management) reported that editorial comments on the pond management booklet were received from the editorial committee. He thanked them for their hard work. Copyright problems still exist with the illustrations and some suggestions were made to resolve those problems.

Fred Janssen (Web Page) reported the status of the TCAFS web page. The Excom suggested some additions to the page. Fred reported that we have reached our limit on space and more memory will have to be purchased. The Community Fishing Event manual continues to receive many "hits". About 500 copies have been downloaded to date.

#### *Old Business/New Business:*

The Oklahoma Chapter got the "Outstanding Chapter Award" this year. Congratulations to them... We realize that we can't get it every year besides we are running out of wall space for the plaque.

Future needs for TCAFS T-shirts and caps were discussed. It was decided to hold off on the purchase of these items for this year.

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## **Raffle/Auction**

*Steve Poarch/Kirk Pratas*

Things are shaping up for another great meeting. Items are steadily rolling in for the Raffle/Auction and you should have a great opportunity to take home some good stuff. Last year, we provided a list of items in the final newsletter so you would know how much money to bring. There's not going to be a list in this issue but you can bet that you're going to need just as much money this year.

Even though we are doing well with the donations to this point, that doesn't mean you are off the hook and don't need to look for opportunities to secure more items. Remember the more donations we receive, the more fun we have and the more money we raise for the scholarship fund. If you would like a copy of the forms and letters we use to approach business about donations, just give me a call. Just remember to explain to potential contributors that the proceeds of our fund-raising efforts go to our scholarship fund.

We are also still looking for exhibitors for our tradeshow. Right now, we have 3 businesses that have committed, and another that sounds fairly positive. We have space for 4 more vendors, so if you know of a business or individual that may be interested, be sure to inform them of the meeting. Our booth spaces are only \$75.00, plus \$31.00 for electrical outlets.

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It has been very rewarding and lots of fun working on this part of the TCAFS Annual Meeting for the past 2 years. I hope that this year's raffle/auction is just as fun and successful as the last one. We appreciate all the help we have gotten from the membership. We would like someone to consider taking over this committee for next year. We will still help whoever assumes this role, but we have hit our local businesses hard and would like to give them a break.

We look forward to seeing you in Corpus!

## It's Time To Vote!

First I would like to thank committee members, Dave Peterson (U.S. Forest Service, Lufkin), Joe Kraai (TPWD, San Angelo), and Kevin Pope (Texas Tech University, Lubbock), for their help. They will also be at Annual Meeting to assist those who decided to cast their vote there.

As reported in the last newsletter we have changed the election procedures a bit to give more members a chance to vote. This year the offices of President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer are up for re-election. There are two candidates for each office: Bob Ditton and Charles Munger for President-elect, and Terry Cody and Debbie Wade for Secretary/Treasurer (two year term). A biographical sketch will be presented for each candidate in this newsletter. The candidates for President-elect will also present their views on the future of the Texas Chapter, American Fisheries Society (TCAFS).

Here is how you vote. Take the ballot from this newsletter and mark your vote. The voted ballot should be sealed in an envelope for secrecy. Then you should print and sign your name to a separate paper so we can mark that you have voted. Both documents should be mailed in one envelope to me at 701 East Main, Whitesboro, Texas 76273. Your vote should reach me by January 18, 1999. I will place your sealed vote (I promise I will not look) in a box to be opened when the Committee counts the votes at the meeting. If you decide to vote at the meeting, then stop by the registration desk and pick up a ballot, fill it out, and put it in the ballot box before 1:30 pm Monday, January 25. The results will be announced at the business meeting, Monday, January 25. Since there are only two candidates for each office there will not be a runoff. To be an eligible voter you must be a registered member, so make sure your dues are paid up.

**Ballot on Page 12**

## CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

### Bob Ditton (Texas A&M University)

I want to see the Texas AFS Chapter grow in size, diversity, and influence. First, there are many other professionals besides biologists and ecologists with ties to the fisheries field who would benefit from state-level AFS affiliation. The Chapter needs to be more inclusive in its programs and services and make special efforts to attract "other" fisheries professionals. This can be a substantial source of new members and ideas.

The future size and make-up of the Texas Chapter depends also on our ability to recruit the coming generations of fisheries professionals. To this end, we need to work to recruit to membership each and every undergraduate and graduate student currently enrolled in fisheries academic programs statewide. We need to find out what the triggers are for getting greater student participation and buy-in to professional development.

While we do an outstanding job of communicating with AFS members, communication with the outside world needs to be enhanced. This can be accomplished in several ways. We need to do a better job of highlighting the numerous benefits of fisheries management and research activities to society. When people understand that fisheries professionals and the work they do benefit all Texans and not just the 20% of the population that are anglers, then and only then will there be increased general revenue support for fisheries management and research. It is incumbent upon us to identify and quantify these benefits to society and communicate them to the public when ever possible in an effort to better position our profession and the services we provide. Also, Chapter meetings should always include some issue-oriented sessions that involve representatives of relevant stakeholders (in addition to managers and researchers) and with press coverage by environmental and outdoor writers. There needs to be much more public education on fisheries issues before they become controversial; what better place to begin the discussions than at the state AFS meeting.

Being asked to stand for election for the position of chapter president is a distinct honor. In my case, it is even more meaningful because I do not come from a traditional fisheries background. Perhaps this is symbolic of the coming millennium and the many new challenges we will all face in the Twenty-first Century. These challenges will require a team approach whereby contributions are made by scientists from various disciplines and fisheries management professionals with diverse backgrounds work together to make resource management decisions that are in the "public interest". Together we can make a difference.



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Robert B. Ditton is a Professor in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Texas A&M University. He has been with Texas A&M University since 1974 and a faculty member in Wildlife and Fisheries since 1988. Currently, he is the Co-Chair of the AFS Committee on the Human Dimensions of Recreational Fisheries and a Science Editor for FISHERIES. He served as the Chair of the AFS International Symposium on Creel and Angler Surveys held in Houston in 1990 and has been a member of the AFS since 1981.

### **Charlie Munger (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)**

I am currently an Inland Fisheries District Biologist with TPWD stationed in Canyon. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology (Fisheries minor) from Colorado State University in 1985 and a Master's Degree in Biology from West Texas A&M in 1993. I started working for TPWD in 1986 as a technician and have been promoted to my current level over the last 12 years with 5 moves. I was a member of the CSU chapter of AFS from 1983-85 and have been a member of AFS and the Texas Chapter AFS since 1986. I have served on the Urban Fisheries, Pond Management, and Awards committees with TCAFS and am currently the newsletter editor (since 1997). I am a member of the Fisheries Management Section and have served on Southern Division Continuing Education and Newsletter Ad Hoc committees. I am the Texas representative to the North Central Division AFS Walleye Technical committee and have been a Certified Fisheries Scientist since 1993.

My vision for the future of the Texas Chapter is to see an increase in participation in all areas of AFS, diversify membership knowledge of all areas of fisheries in Texas, and increase university and other fisheries professional's participation in the Chapter. As I review the membership rolls of both TCAFS and AFS I have noticed there are many people who are members of one or the other, but not both. I would like to see an increase in full membership in AFS – National, Section, and Chapter. There also seems to be limited awareness of the unique challenges each area of the state experiences in fisheries. There is a subtle but significant division between East Texas and West Texas Inland Fisheries and Inland and Coastal Fisheries. I would like to see more willingness to travel and experience other areas. I have also noted that there is limited participation in TCAFS from many smaller universities with aquatics programs and many of the private fisheries professionals. I would like to increase recruitment of members from the Texas Aquaculture Association and all the other non-participating universities. I know the commitment to time and travel are significant, but the diversity of experience should benefit all.

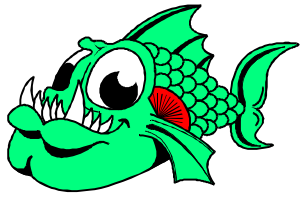
## **CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER**

### **Terry J. Cody (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)**

For those of you who don't know me, I've been a Coastal Fisheries Biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife in Rockport for over 28 years. I know I don't look that old - but I started young! I started working for Texas Parks & Wildlife Department as a sophomore cooperative education student at The University of South Florida and was lucky enough to get a real job when I graduated. Most of my career has been associated with fisheries research and management in the estuarine and Gulf waters along the Texas coast. I spent over 10 years as project leader for the Gulf Research Program and I'm still active on committees of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. Our last reorganization moved me from a Fisheries Specialist position to an Ecosystem Leader role where I oversee the operation of a field crew sampling Corpus Christi Bay and the Gulf of Mexico off Port Aransas.

### **Debbie Wade (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)**

I graduated from Texas Tech University with a B.S. in Microbiology and certificate for Texas public schools. I am currently working on a M.S. in Biotechnology/Biogenetics through Stephen F. Austin State University. I taught high school science for three years in Lubbock and Wichita Falls. I have been employed by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for twelve years, first as a Fish & Wildlife Technician, then as a Hatchery Biologist. I was regional treasurer for a non-profit organization directly managing three accounts totaling over \$500,000, as well as supervising/auditing 58 branch accounts. During that time I helped to write/develop a handbook for branch account management and implement the policies expressed therein. I am currently treasurer for a Girl Scout Troop and maintain all the records for the troop. Until recently, I acted as recording secretary/treasurer at our church having completed a three-year term of the office. I have been a member of the TCAFS for eleven years and a member of the AFS for three years. During that time I have served as the membership committee chair for three years and worked closely with members of the TCAFS Excom during that time.



## NEWS BITS

**Fishing License Revocations.** In late July 1998, the NM Game and Fish Dept. ordered the revocation of hunting and fishing licenses for 31 individuals delinquent in their child support payments. These were the first revocations under the authority of NM's 1995 Parental Responsibility Act. [Assoc Press]

**Illegal Shark Catch.** During a routine boarding on Aug. 7, 1998, the U.S. Coast Guard discovered more than 6,000 pounds of illegally caught shark aboard a LA fishing vessel in the Gulf of Mexico. In addition to fishing after the shark season closed on Aug. 4, 1998, the vessel operator did not have a permit to catch shark. NMFS agents sold the catch, with the proceeds to be held in escrow until this case is settled. [Assoc Press]

**Coral Damage.** In mid-July 1998, a tug and 350-foot barge loaded with 24 million pounds of sugar grounded on Ledbury Reef in Biscayne National Park, FL, creating a three-quarter-mile-long trench through the Coral reef that was as much as 48 feet wide and 9 feet deep. [Assoc Press]

**Fisherman on Wheaties Box.** On Aug. 25, 1998, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) officials released a statement wherein they asked General Mills to reconsider featuring a fisherman on Wheaties cereal boxes beginning in October 1998. PETA asserts that fishing is violent, cruel, and injures animals while not requiring any athletic skill. On Aug. 26, 1998, General Mills officials confirmed that they will display the sport fisherman on Wheaties boxes, beginning on or around Oct. 1, 1998. [Assoc Press]

**Mercury in Fish.** On Aug. 25, 1998, the Journal of the American Medical Association published preliminary results of a study, done in the Seychelles Islands, on the risks from consuming low concentrations of mercury in seafood. The scientists reported little risk, even to children and pregnant women, including no evidence of impaired mental development in children. [Reuters]

**Johnson's Seagrass Listed as Threatened.** On Sept. 14, 1998, NMFS published notice in the Federal Register of the listing of Johnson's seagrass (*Halophila johnsonii*) in southeastern FL as a threatened species. This is the first marine plant

listed as threatened or endangered.) [Fed. Register, Assoc Press]

**Licensed Anglers Decline.** In late September 1998, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released figures indicating the number of fishing licenses sold nationally declined from 29.9 million in 1996 to 29.3 million in 1997. However, the expenditures for these licenses and permits rose from \$447 million in 1996 to \$498.4 million in 1997. [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service press release]

**Streptococcal Infection from Tilapia.** On Sept. 26, 1998, scientists reported to the 38th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in San Diego, CA, that a new streptococcal infection is being transmitted by puncture wounds from sharp dorsal spines during handling or cleaning of tilapia. The bacteria, *Streptococcus iniae*, causes cellulitis at the wound site. At least 15 cases have been confirmed, most from consumers patronizing Asian grocery stores where live tilapia are marketed. [Fox News]



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# Senate Bill 1

*Cindy Loeffler, TPWD Water Resources Team Leader  
Randy Blankinship, Current Issues Committee*

Senate Bill 1 is the landmark Texas water legislation passed by the 75th Legislature and signed into law by Governor Bush in 1997. Against the backdrop of the drought of 1996, SB1 was drafted to address current and future impacts to Texas' natural resources through water planning, development and management. Texas is expected to double in population by the year 2050, with urban areas growing fast. To ensure that the State's natural resources, especially its lakes, rivers, wetlands and estuaries are not short-changed, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is taking an active role in implementing parts of the new law.

**Regional Water Planning:** Sixteen regional water planning groups (RWPGs) have been established to address how future water needs will be met. The RWPGs, assisted by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and TPWD are responsible for developing regional water plans by the year 2000 that will then be combined to create one state water plan. The goal of the plan is to ensure that sufficient water will be available at a reasonable cost to safeguard public health, safety and welfare; to further economic development; and last but not least, to protect the agricultural and natural resources of the regional water planning areas. TPWD is providing information and technical assistance, including information regarding in-stream flow and freshwater inflow needs, necessary to protect natural resources. Each RWPG will also identify river and stream segments of unique ecological value and sites of unique value for construction of reservoirs and will offer recommendations for their protection. A map of the regions, RWPG membership, scheduled activities and upcoming public meetings can be obtained by calling TWDB at 512/475-2057 or by accessing TWDB's web site at [http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/www/twdb/sb1\\_hp.html](http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/www/twdb/sb1_hp.html).

**Priority Ground Water Management Areas:** Although SB1 did not make significant changes to how ground water is managed in the state, it did reinforce that local groundwater conservation districts are the State's preferred method for the management of the resource. TNRCC may declare Priority Groundwater Management Areas (PGMA) for areas of the state expected to experience critical groundwater problems. Under the PGMA process TPWD may be requested to evaluate the potential effects of the designation of a priority groundwater management area on an area's natural resources. During Fiscal Year 1998 two such evaluations were requested and completed: North Texas Alluvium and Paleozoic Outcrop and El Paso County. Similar evaluations are scheduled to be completed in Fiscal Year 1999 for the following areas:

Williamson and parts of adjacent counties, Central Texas (Waco) area, East Texas Area, Trans-Pecos Area, and North-Central Texas Area.

**Water Availability Modeling:** SB1 mandates TNRCC to create new water availability models for all river basins by December 31, 1999. TPWD is working closely with TNRCC to include in-stream flows and freshwater inflows to bays and estuaries in the models. From these models and improvements to water data, TNRCC in coordination with TPWD, will determine the maximum amount of treated wastewater that can be reused without harming either existing water rights, or in-stream flows and freshwater inflows to bays and estuaries.

**Texas Water Trust:** SB1 established the Texas Water Trust to hold water rights dedicated to environmental needs, including in-stream flows, water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, or bay and estuary inflows. An incentive for water right holders to dedicate their right is exemption from cancellation for nonuse. TPWD is working to promote the Texas Water Trust as a means for protecting environmental water needs.

**Water-Use Issues in Texas - A 21st Century Challenge for Fisheries Managers:** A highlight of the TAFS annual meeting in Corpus Christi will be a round table discussion concerning Senate Bill 1. Five invited speakers will present information on politics of water use in Texas, in-stream flows, reservoirs, freshwater inflow to bays and estuaries, and wetlands. The presentations and following discussion will be centered on issues near and dear to aquatic resource managers' hearts. Resource management, resource biology, physical aspects of water management, current and critical issues, and impacts of water management are some of the topics to be addressed. It should prove to be an educational venue for those involved in the Senate Bill 1 process as well as those who don't know much about it. Make plans to be there!



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# 1999 TEXAS CHAPTER MEETING

*by Paul Hammerschmidt*

The 1999 Texas Chapter AFS meeting will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, January 24-26. Meeting and tradeshow activities will occur at the Omni Bayfront Hotel (Phone 1-800-THE-OMNI). The Sunday PM social will be held at the hotel while the Monday evening social activities will be held at the Texas State Aquarium, complete with a meal and guided tour.

The Omni Bayfront Hotel not only has a health club, sauna, and indoor/outdoor heated pool, it is just minutes away from downtown shopping, the Texas State Aquarium, the U.S.S. Lexington, Greyhound racing, as well as miles of Gulf beaches. The hotel offers a complimentary shuttle service to Corpus Christi International Airport, 12 miles away.

## MEETING REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Now is the time for all good TCAFS members to pre-register for the 1999 meeting. The deadline for the pre-registration fee of \$25.00 regular member, \$15.00 student member/spouse is Monday January 11, 1999. After the deadline, the registration fee is \$30.00 and \$20.00, respectively.

Registration fee includes attendance at all technical sessions, Sunday PM mixer and Monday PM social/meal (it will be chicken and beef fajitas) /fundraiser, and tour of the aquarium. There are no formal Chapter activities planned for Saturday, but if you wish, there is plenty to do in and around the Corpus area. Sunday will begin with Continuing Education opportunities from 2-3 PM and 3-4 PM. You may choose two of three topics during this two-hour period: Genetics in Fisheries Science; Human Dimensions in Fisheries Management; and How to Give an Effective Presentation. Between 4 and 5:30 PM, several booths will be set up providing information about careers fisheries from various universities and agencies. A panel discussion, technical presentations, trade show exhibitions and business meeting will fill Monday. Tuesday morning will conclude with technical presentations.

Rooms have been blocked at the Omni Bayfront Hotel (1-800-THE-OMNI). Room rates are \$70.00 Single; \$70.00 Double; \$85.00 Triple and \$95.00 Quad plus tax. Obviously, it would be good to share a room to split the costs.

**Reservation deadline for these special rates is December 31, 1998.** So hurry and make your reservations!! Be sure to indicate that your reservation is for the TX Chapter AFS meeting to secure these special rates.

For further details, call **Paul Hammerschmidt (512-389-4650)**.



1998 Texas Chapter Annual Meeting (Tentative Agenda)  
 January 23-26, 1999  
 Omni Bayfront Hotel  
 Corpus Christi, TX

A final agenda with Technical Session topics will be sent under a separate cover.

Date/Time	Activity	Site
<b>Saturday, 23 January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Formal Chapter Activities Planned</b></li> <li>• Tour area on your own (Brochures Available)</li> </ul>	Omni Hotel Lobby; Registration Desk
<b>Sunday, 24 January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration 10:00 am - 5:00 pm</li> <li>• Tradeshow Setup 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm</li> <li>• Tour area on your own (Brochures Available)</li> </ul>	Omni Hotel Lobby; <u>Registration Desk</u>  Nueces Ballroom Foyer
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Continuing Education • Human Dimensions in Fisheries Management	Laguna Madre
	• How to Make an Effective Presentation	Aransas
	• Genetics in Fisheries Science	Nueces B
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Continuing Education • Human Dimensions in Fisheries Management	Laguna Madre
	• How to Make an Effective Presentation	Aransas
	• Genetics in Fisheries Science	Nueces B
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	CAREERS IN FISHERIES BOOTHS	High Tide
6:30 pm - 11:00 pm	SOCIAL / MIXER	High Tide
<b>Monday, 25 January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration 7:00 am - 5:00 pm</li> <li>• Tradeshow 8:00 am - 5:00 pm</li> </ul>	Omni Hotel Lobby; <u>Registration Desk</u>  Nueces Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am - 10:15 am	Meeting <b>“WATER-USE ISSUES in TEXAS -- A 21st Century Challenge for Fisheries Managers”</b>	Nueces A



<b>Monday, 25 January (continued)</b>		
	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Site</b>
10:15 am - 10:45 am	COFFEE BREAK	Nueces Ballroom Foyer
10:45 am - 12:00 n	Meeting • Technical Presentations	Nueces A
12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	LUNCH ----- ON YOUR OWN	
1:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Meeting • Technical Presentations	Nueces A
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	COFFEE BREAK	Nueces Ballroom Foyer
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Meeting • Technical Presentations	Nueces A
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Meeting • Business Meeting	Nueces A
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	BANQUET / SOCIA L / RAFFLE / AUCTION	Texas State Aquarium
<b>Tuesday, 26 January</b>		
	• Tradeshow 8:00 am - 10:00 am	Nueces Ballroom Foyer
8:20 am - 10:00 am	Meeting • Technical Presentations	Nueces A
10:00 am - 11:00 am	CLOSING REMARKS	Nueces A

Seasons Greetings



**TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION  
Corpus Christi, Texas January 24-26, 1999**

Pre-registration and registration at the door includes: Meeting registration, Sunday PM Mixer, Monday PM Social/Meal/Fund raiser and continuing Education Workshops. Pre-registration also includes a ticket for an early-bird raffle item.

<b>Pre-registration (PRIOR to 1-11-99)</b>	<b>Enter Amount</b>	
Regular Member	\$25.00	
Student Member/Spouse	\$15.00	
<b>Registration (AFTER 1-11-99)</b>		
Regular Member	\$30.00	
Student Member/Spouse	\$20.00	
Texas Chapter Dues	\$8.00	
Texas Chapter Student Dues	\$5.00	
<b>TOTAL</b> ----->		

As a professional (1), I wish to participate as a mentor; or as a student (2), I wish to team with a mentor during the meeting.	Yes (1)	Yes (2)	No (1)	No (2)
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I wish to attend the Continuing Education Workshops indicated: (circle two)	1) <u>Human Dimensions in Fisheries Management.</u> 2) <u>Genetics in Fisheries Science.</u> 3) <u>How to Give an Effective Presentation.</u>
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I am a student and wish to work at the meeting in exchange for lodging (circle one)	Yes	No
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Make all checks payable to: **The Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone (Home): (    )	Phone (Work): (    )
Fax and/or e-mail address:	

**Mail Registration to : Dave Terre, 11942 FM 848, Tyler, TX 75797, (903) 566-1615**



TEXAS CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
 January 23-26, 1999  
 CUT-OFF DATE: December 31, 1998  
 Hotel Rate: Single-\$70.00/Double-\$70.00  
 Triple-\$85.00/Quad-\$95.00  
 RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER CUT-OFF DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED  
 AT PREVAILING RACK RATES ON SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS  
 CHECK-IN TIME 3:00 PM - CHECK-OUT TIME 12 NOON

OMNI BAYFRONT HOTEL  
 900 NORTH SHORELINE BOULEVARD  
 CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78401  
 (512) 887-1600

Name(s) _____	Special Requests _____
Company Name _____	_____ Wheelchair accessible room
Address _____	_____ Hearing impaired
City, State, Zip _____	_____ Visually impaired
Work Phone _____	_____ Other (please specify)
Home Phone _____	_____

**Accommodations:**

Number of Rooms	Single	Double	Triple	Quad

Sharing Room With \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Type of accommodation is based on availability)

Method of Arrival: Fly \_\_\_ Drive \_\_\_  
 I will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will depart on \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL HOTEL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED BY  
 DECEMBER 31, 1998 TO INSURE GROUP  
 RATE**

FAX to Omni Bayfront Hotel at  
 (512)887-6715

MAIL to  
 Omni Bayfront Hotel  
 Attn: Reservations Dept.  
 900 N. Shoreline Blvd  
 Corpus Christi, TX 78401

OR CALL  
 1-800-THE-OMNI  
 For Reservations

**GUARANTEE:**

All reservations must be guaranteed as follows:

GUARANTEED BY CREDIT CARD - Please fill in American Express, Diner's Club, MasterCard, Visa Discover Card number, name of cardholder and expiration date on the space provided:

Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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