

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS

This will be our second mail-in-ballot procedure to elect Chapter officers for the 1988-89 year (September-September). The candidates are: president-elect, Larry Mitzner and Bernie Schonhoff; secretary-treasurer, Martin Konrad and Jerry Hudson. Please refer to the brief discussion of the candidates, mark your ballot, and return the postcard to the Clear Lake address by **September 2, 1988**.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Our letter to Iowa's congressional delegation on consolidation of federal fisheries responsibilities generated responses from Senator Grassley and Representative Leach. Senator Grassley offered to meet with Carl Sullivan through a member of his staff to discuss the proposal further. No response was received from Senators Grassley and Harkin or Representative Lightfoot and Grandy from our letter asking for their active support in securing appropriations for Missouri River mitigation.

BEST PAPER

Our congratulations go to Larry Mitzner for receiving the **Iowa Best Paper Award** for his presentation entitled "**LAKE REHABILITATION AT GREEN VALLEY LAKE, IOWA AND THE EFFECT ON WATER QUALITY AND BLUE-GREEN ALGAE**" at the Council Bluffs Chapter meeting.

FISHING WEEK ACTIVITY BOOKS

Each Chapter member received one National Fishing Week Activity Book in March for

distribution to an elementary school teacher of their choice. Feedback from this program would be welcomed at our next annual meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Steve Waters, Membership Chairperson, deserves a pat-on-the-back for his recruiting efforts this past year. Our membership totals 64, which is an increase of 15 members from 1987.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Mike Mason will be taking command as Chapter President in September. Let's all give a little extra effort to make Mike's administration an enjoyable experience and advance professionalism within the Chapter. Special thanks from me to Jim Wahl, Mike Mason, and Steve Waters for pitching in when called upon during the last year.

1989 IOWA CHAPTER MEETING

Tentative plans for this year's meeting are being established. The meeting will be a joint affair with the Kansas and Nebraska Chapters, held at the Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium in Omaha. The meeting dates are February 21 and 22. If you have any ideas or suggestions about program content, contact Mike Mason.

PRESIDENT-ELECT BIOGRAPHY

Larry Mitzner

Larry graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1964 with a B.S. degree in fish and wildlife biology. Larry started his professional career with the Iowa Conservation Commission in 1966 as a fisheries biologist II at the Lake Macbride Station. In 1971 he transferred to the Chariton Research Station and is currently employed by the DNR at that position.

Larry has been a member of the Iowa Chapter AFS since 1969. During that time he has served as President-elect (1971-72), President (1972-73) and Secretary-Treasurer (1980-81) for the Chapter. Larry is currently the co-chairman of the North Central Division Publications Committee and associate editor of the North American Journal of Fisheries Management. Larry is a member of the AFS management section and the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists.

Larry received the Iowa Conservation Commission outstanding fisheries employee award in 1971, and best paper award at the 1980 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and the 1988 Iowa Chapter Meeting. He is a certified fisheries scientist.

Bernie Schonhoff

Bernie holds a B.S. degree (1978) and M.S. degree (1980) from the University of Missouri, Columbia, in Fisheries Science. He was employed by Cornell University, New York from 1980 to 1985 as a Research Support Specialist. During that time he worked on largemouth bass population dynamics, size limits, and fingerling walleye stockings. In 1985 Bernie was hired by the Iowa DNR as a fisheries management biologist and is currently located on the Mississippi River at Fairport.

Bernie has been a member of the Missouri, New York and the Iowa Chapters AFS. He is also a member of the management and computer user sections of AFS, and is a certified fisheries scientist.

SECRETARY-TREASURER BIOGRAPHY

Jerry Hudson

Jerry graduated from Kansas State University in 1974 with a B.S. degree in fisheries

biology. He started work with the Iowa Conservation Commission in 1975 as a worker at Cold Springs. In 1976 he was promoted to a fisheries management technician at Lake View and later promoted to management biologist. Jerry has been a DNR biologist for the past seven years at the Manchester Station. In 1977, he was named the Iowa Conservation Commission outstanding fisheries employee. Jerry is a certified fisheries scientist.

Martin Konrad

Martin is a 1975 Iowa State University graduate with a B.S. degree in fish and wildlife biology. He has been employed with the Department of Natural Resources since 1977. During his years with the Fisheries Bureau he spent one year at the Chariton Research Station as a worker, seven years at Mt. Ayr and Rathbun as a management technician, and the past three years in Des Moines as an executive assistant.



"I see the trout fishing season has started again!"

THE IOWA SCENE

Brushy Creek Lake

Much controversy has been generated by Iowa DNR's proposal to construct a 690 acre lake on the 4,200 acre Brushy Creek Recreation Area in Webster County. The DNR has awarded a final engineering design contract for the dam using approximately \$200 thousand of lottery money. Funding for construction of this high quality lake is in limbo because of opposition in the Senate. Members are urged to contact their respective Senators, and to encourage other lake supporters to do the same.

*Foreign members add additional \$3.00.

Streams Technical Committee

In an effort to facilitate the proper management of cool, warm, and coldwater streams in the Midwest, the North Central Division has established a Streams Technical Committee. The primary goal of this committee is to organize and disseminate information relating to streams and to promote useful and timely research which will address stream related problems and opportunities. To facilitate a high level of participation by a large membership, a representative from each NCD chapter has been selected to sit on a core committee. Vaughn Paragamian is coordinating representative for the Iowa Chapter.

Walleye Technical Committee

The second annual meeting of the NCD Walleye Technical Committee was held December 6, 1987, with 51 attendees. The mission of the group is to promote research and development of functional management strategies leading to the wise use of native and introduced stocks of walleye, sauger, and their hybrids, to improve culture techniques, and to facilitate the dissemination of pertinent data and technology to both the scientific and user communities. The next committee meeting is in Columbus, Ohio during the Midwest and will focus on fry vs. fingerling stocking programs. Dick McWilliams is co-chair of the committee with Bill Franzin of Manitoba.

A F S NEWS

AFS Section memberships are as follows:

Sections	Annual Dues	Members
Fisheries Management	\$3.00	1,043
Fish Culture	5.00	897
Computer User	5.00*	719
Water Quality	3.00	595
Fish Health	5.00	527
Marine Fisheries	5.00	483
Early Life History	5.00	380
Bioengineering	5.00	273
Education	5.00	270
Fish. Administrators	5.00	207
Fish Genetics	5.00	198
Introduced Fish	3.00	189
International Fish.	5.00	177
Socioeconomics	3.00	177

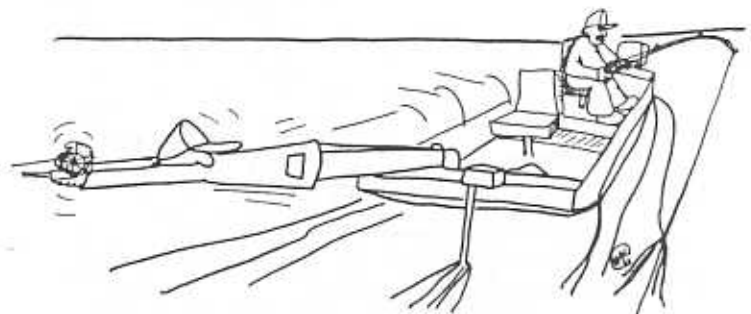
A formal vote on the Excom requires that Section's have at least 200 members so the last four on the list have a bit of recruiting to do. If you want to join any or all Sections, send the indicated dues with a note to the central office.

A Sport Fishing and Hunting Opportunity Improvement Act (H.R. 4181) has been introduced by Congressman Nick J. Rahall, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Mining and Natural Resources. The bill would provide for part of the mineral lease income from acquired federal lands be used to compensate for adverse environmental impacts. AFS is supporting this initiative and though passage this Congress is unlikely, it may pass in the future.

You have to see it to believe it! The summer 1988 issue of the Carp Fisher, the magazine of the Carp Society, contains 148 pages that include a great many spectacular color photos, 58 pages of carp fishing advertisements (the variety and complexity of tackle is mind boggling), carp fishing feature stories, news of the Carp Society, and information about carp fishing in Norway and Spain. For information write The Carp Society, 33 Covert Road, Hainault, Ilford, Essex, Great Britain, or just contact Lannie Miller. AFS has our own book, **Carp in North America** available for \$10.

O T H E R N E W S

Free Fishing Days are becoming an increasingly more prominent feature of National Fishing Week. The Sport Fishing Institute reports that 26 states now have such an event with four other states pending.



"Did you say 'snag' Sam?"

Overseas sales of fisheries products reached a record \$1.66 billion in 1987--up 22% over 1986--according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The volume of catch rose to a record 525,000 metric tons, up 13% from 1986. The country's biggest foreign fish buyer, Japan, bought fish and fishery products worth a record \$1.074 billion in 1987. Also in 1987, seafood imports rose by \$800 million to a record \$5.6 billion. Part of the reason for the trade deficit is that the U.S. fishing industry cannot fully supply America's growing taste for high-priced seafood.

**MEETING AND EVENTS
CALENDAR**

September 6-9, 1988. **Aquaculture International Congress and Exposition.** Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia. For info: Bruce Guerin, Marketing Manager, Aquaculture International Exposition, Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, Box 202, 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC V6C 3C1. (604)681-1988.

September 13-16, 1988. **National River Preservation Conference.** Harley Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. For info: John S. Kopeck, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, 1889 Fountain Square, Columbus, OH, 43224.

October 4, 5, 6, 1988. **Fall Fish Technical Section Meeting of Upper Mississippi Conservation Committee.** Kibbe Research Station, Hamilton, Illinois. For info: Dan Sallee, Department of Conservation, Box 147, Aledo, IL, 61231. (309)582-5611.

December 3-6, 1988. **Annual Meeting of the North Central Division of AFS.** University Hilton, Columbus, Ohio. For info: Ken Fritz, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, Fountain Square, Bldg. C 4, Columbus, OH, 43224. (613)265-6300.

December 4-7, 1988. **50th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference.** University Hilton Inn, Columbus. For info: Dr. Tony J. Peterle, Ohio State University, Room 104, Botany and Zoology Bldg., 1735 Neil Ave., Columbus, OH, 43210. (614)292-5520.

February 12-16, 1989. **Aquaculture '89.** The Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, California. For info: Conference Headquarters, Crest International, 940 Emmett Ave., Suite 14, Belmont, CA, 94002.

February 27, 28, March 1, 1989. **Iowa Statewide Fisheries Meeting.** Conservation Education Center, Guthrie Center, Iowa. For info: Jim Mayhew, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace Bldg., Des Moines, IA, 50319. (515)281-6155.

NEW TITLES

Current References in Fish Research. Volume 12. By Victor A. Cvangara, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. 146 pages. \$12 (paper). Available from Victor Cvangara, R. R. 1, 296 E. Hagan Road, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729. Annual compilation of publications in fisheries science. Over 4,000 titles from more than 400 journals, with author, scientific name, and key word indices.

Fishery Development. By William F. Royce. Academic Press, New York. 1987. 248 pages. \$24.95. Overview of the whole process of fishery development and an appraisal of how it can be done more efficiently. Describes long-term benefits from fisheries through organizational structure, case histories, and analysis of factors contributing to success. Organized into three major headings: **Fisheries and Their Role in Development, Historical Trends in Fishery Development, and Future Strategies to Maximize Benefits.**



"Good idea of yours to save us a lot of hard portaging, Ed!"