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The Chapter Executive Committee for 1999 (L-R): President-Elect Bill Bechtol, Treasurer Allen Bingham, President Cindy Hartmann, Past President Peggy Merritt, Immediate Past President Buck Bryant, Vice President Carol Ann Woody, Secretary David Wiswar, and Student Unit President Mike Byerly.

Proposed Bylaws Change

Following are changes to the Alaska Chapter Bylaws which were proposed at the 1998 membership meeting. The changes are intended to 1) reorganize the document for efficiency, 2) allow for dues adjustments through the resolutions process which requires a two-thirds majority vote, and 3) clarify nebulous wording in the text. The changes are also posted on the Chapter website at <http://www.alaska.net/~fishak>. Please review the changes and submit comments to Dennis Tol, Resolutions Committee Chair at dtol@ak.blm.gov or call at 271-3348. A ballot will be provided in the spring *Oncorhynchus*. A two-thirds majority is required to pass any of these changes.

In the text below, proposed deletions are struck out, and new text is bracketed all capitals. Only text with proposed changes are shown. Sections not shown may be renumbered. The entire document is on the Chapter website.

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Annual Meeting Highlights

The 1998 Annual Meeting was held at the Anchorage Hilton from September 30th through October 3rd with the 16th Lowell Wakefield Symposium and the Western Division AFS. It was the Alaska Chapter's 25th Annual Meeting. Over 460 people registered from 14 countries, including 4 Canadian provinces and 21 states. Invited plenary speakers included Ron Dearborn, Carlos Fetterolf, Dianne Loy Ferri, Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer, Terry Garcia, Dr. Stuart Pimm, Dr. Richard Beamish, Larry Mercurieff, Dr. William Seitz, and Frank Rue. AFS officers attending included President Robert Carline and First Vice-President Carl Burger.

Approximately 215 papers and 23 posters were presented in the 4 days. There were lots of sessions, but attendees had a mixed response to having so many presentations to choose from. When asked about having concurrent sessions, 62 responded it was good, 61 responded it was average, and 24 responded it was poor. However, when asked about the length and number of technical sessions, the response was 109 good, 33 average, and 3 poor. The response to a question on symposium program content was 128 good, 27 average, and 0 poor. Thanks to Program Committee members Milo Adkison, Jeff Barrett, Steve Bauer, Brenda Baxter, Bob Bilby, Pete Bisson, Pete Hagen, Jeff Cederholm, Charlie Corrarino, Cindy Hartmann, Kim Hyatt, Carol Kerkvliet, Tom Kline, Steve Klosiewski, Eric Knudsen, K Koski, Gordon Kruse, Patricia Livingston, Gino Lucchetti, Alan Maki, Hal Michael, Duane Neitzel, Clarence Pautzke, Steve Ralph, Dana Schmidt, Ramona Schreiber, Kate Wedemeyer, Alex Wertheimer, and Mark Wipfli.

The local arrangements committee had a full agenda of social events and tours to foster communication, education, and fun. They also worked hard to make the facilities as accommodating as possible to the many needs of attendees. Thanks to Local Arrangements Committee members Brenda Baxter, Bill Bechtol, Allen Bingham, Jane DiCosimo, Valerie Elliott, Steve Fried, Lee Ann Gardner, Jeanne Hanson, Pat Hansen, Cindy Hartmann, Bill Hauser, Gail Heineman, Carol Kerkvliet, Steve Miller,

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The President's Column

Cindy Hartmann



In deference to our PC (politically correct) world, I'm changing the title of this section of the newsletter from "The President's Bait Bucket" to the "President's Column." You know that in some fishing circles, fishing with bait is taboo. While bait bucket brings to mind lots of memories, like picking up night crawlers from golf greens after spring rains and watching my mom squirm and shriek as she attempts to bait a hook, I don't want you thinking of the smells it brings to mind and equating that to my column. I had considered going back to "President's Corner" and promising to keep my ramblings limited to a corner, but I don't want to chance breaking my promise. Instead of me filling up two columns I challenge you, the chapter members, to submit an editorial opinion, a symposium summary, or a current news commentary. The shared talents and knowledge of our membership is what makes our Chapter great. It's easy to submit an article for publication in *Oncorhynchus*. Just e-mail your article to Mike Murphy (789-6036) at mike.murphy@noaa.gov. Items of interest for the Chapter web page can be sent to Norma Jean Sands (465-4256) at NormaS@fishgame.state.ak.us.

I want to update you on your new and not-so-new Chapter officers. Peggy Merritt (459-7296, ADF&G, Fairbanks) is now in the Past-Past President category (but not inactive, she's chair of the Past Presidents Committee); Buck Bryant (586-8811 x 228, FS, Juneau) is Past President and still dealing into Executive Committee (EXCOM) teleconferences; Bill Bechtol (235-8191, ADF&G, Homer) is President-Elect and Chair of the 1999 Annual Meeting; Carol Ann Woody (786-3314, USGS, Anchorage) is Vice President and Chair of the Membership Committee; Allen Bingham (267-2327, ADF&G, Anchorage) is Treasurer until sometime in January when he finishes up the year-end records and passes the books on. He's not retiring, however. He's staying involved with the Chapter as the Membership Manager. Sue Walker (586-7240, FWS, Juneau) will be Chapter Treasurer starting January 1999. David Wiswar (456-0453, FWS, Fairbanks) is the Chapter Secretary. Mike Byerly (790-4661, UAS, Juneau) is the Student Subunit representative on the EXCOM. I am the current President. I work for the NMFS Habitat Division in Juneau. You can reach me at 586-7585 or cindy.hartmann@noaa.gov.

For those of you who may not know how the Chapter is organized, the Treasurer and Secretary are elected for

2-year terms. The Vice President is elected for a 4-year term and metamorphosizes from Vice President to President Elect, then President, and finally Past President. Duties and tasks are assigned to each position. The EXCOM has teleconferences about every 6 weeks and also handles a lot of Chapter business by e-mail between conference calls. While the EXCOM does a lot of the behind-the-scenes work for the Chapter, so do the committees. Look for the special card enclosed in this issue that lists the Committee Chairs for 1999.

If you have an interest in any of the committees, I encourage you to contact the Chair and find out what they do and how you can get involved. If you support continuing education, Pat Hansen is looking for people to help get the word out about classes being offered. It may be as simple as sending out an announcement on your e-mail or helping with the room arrangements. There will be more about the committees in the next newsletter.

In closing, I want to extend a big THANK YOU to the members of the Local Arrangements and Program Committee for the 1998 Annual Meeting. The meeting was a major effort by many people working together. The meeting took a lot of planning and effort, but the people that helped were so great. It was a rewarding experience for me. Special thanks for a job well done to Brenda Baxter, Sea Grant; Bob Bilby, Program Committee Chair; and Bill Hauser, Local Arrangements Committee Chair! 🐟

AFS Strategic Plan

The AFS Strategic Plan Revision Committee (Barbara Knuth, Chair) is accepting comments on a draft plan until January 5, 1999. The plan is available on the AFS web site. If you need assistance in getting a copy of the plan, contact Laura Hutchcroft at (301) 897-8096, Ext. 201, e-mail, lhutchcroft@fisheries.org or Dr. Barbara Knuth at (607)255-2822, bak3@cornell.edu.

The Strategic Plan is based on the parent society's mission and constitutional objectives. It describes how to achieve the Society's vision for the future. The plan has three major goals: Establishing a secure base of member services, AFS being a leader in information transfer and outreach, and AFS promoting aquatic stewardship. The AFS mission and Chapters mission are as follows:

AFS Mission *The mission of AFS is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals.*

Chapters *The mission of Chapters within AFS is to advance Society goals by coordinating member activities related to information exchange, outreach, and aquatic stewardship within their geographic region, including coordinating with appropriate local, provincial, and state-level government and non-government agencies and organizations. Chapters serve member needs in local and provincial/state areas and represent those to the Division leadership.*

The strategic plan covers the period 1999-2004. The governing board is expected to take final action on it in March. E-mail comments directly to Barbara Knuth or fax them to her at (607)255-0349 (please cc the Chapter Secretary: david_wiswar@fws.gov or fax 456-0454). 🐟

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Peltz, Joe Sullivan, Bill Wilson, Carol Ann Woody, and Steve Zemke. Thanks to the students who operated the AV equipment, and those who helped with registration and designing the Alaska Chapter AFS 25th Anniversary logo. Special thanks to Norma Jean Sands and Mike Murphy for getting the word out on the web page and in the newsletter.

The meeting had a trade show with 13 vendors. We received door prize and raffle contributions from 35 businesses and organizations. We had 19 organizations and businesses contribute money or provide other support. It was over 2 years of planning and a lot of effort by a lot of people. Judging by the evaluations and the comments received, it was worth it. Thanks to all who attended and who helped make this meeting a success. 🐟

Certifiably Appreciated!

Certificates of Appreciation were presented at the Chapter's banquet on October 2 to Alan Johnson, Allen Bingham, Mike Murphy, and Norma Jean Sands. Alan Johnson was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to the Chapter, first as the Chapter's Newsletter Editor from 1989 to 1994, then as Membership Manager from 1994 until this year. Allen Bingham also received a certificate of appreciation in recognition of contributions to the Chapter for serving as Chapter Treasurer from November 1996 through January 1999. Mike Murphy was awarded a certificate for his role as newsletter editor from 1995 to present. Norma Jean Sands also was awarded a certificate of appreciation for her efforts in standardizing the Chapter's web page, developing its format, and keeping it updated since 1995. 🐟

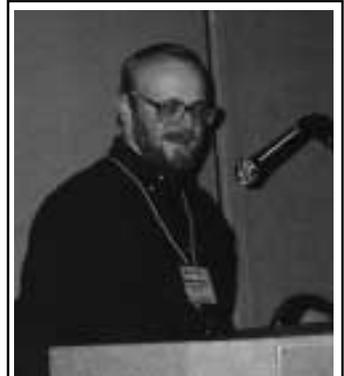


Local Arrangements Chair Bill Hauser celebrates the Chapter's 25th Anniversary and a successful meeting.

Gordon Kruse Receives Meritorious Service Award

The Meritorious Service Award is given to individuals for outstanding contribution to Alaska's fisheries. Gordon Kruse, the recipient this year, has performed outstanding

service in many different areas. He fosters education by channeling funds to the University for research and by mentoring students. He encourages interagency cooperation by organizing meetings where current research and management strategies and problems are shared among agency representatives. He serves the scientific community by publishing regularly in peer-reviewed journals and



Gordon Kruse, ADF&G, as he accepts the Alaska Chapter's Meritorious Service Award.

encouraging his staff to do likewise. He serves the Alaska Chapter in many capacities, including organizing a session at almost every Annual Meeting. Those who attended the session he chaired at the 1998 meeting got a taste of the diversity of topics he always coalesces during his sessions.

Gordon is the Marine Fisheries Scientist in charge of the ADF&G Commercial Fish Division Marine Research Program. Gordon has administered the ADF&G Shellfish Program since 1985. During his career, he has consulted on and written numerous journal papers and agency reports on fisheries, oceanography, fisheries biology, population dynamics, and management strategies. Gordon has advanced shellfish and groundfish research to new levels. He has encouraged not only his staff, but also researchers throughout ADF&G to perform at a greater level of scientific excellence. 🐟

Best Paper Awards

Best paper awards were presented at the Annual Meeting in four categories.

The Best Student Paper(s)—it was a tie! Robert Begich, ADF&G, Kodiak, for *Relationship between kelt and spawner abundance in steelhead of the Karluk River, Alaska*; and Lisa Thompson, UBC, Fisheries Centre, Vancouver, BC, for *Effects of nutrient additions to Kootenay Lake, BC on kokanee salmon: Density, distribution and diet*.

Special Recognition to a High Schooler! David Fox, Takotna Community School and Training Center, Takotna, Alaska, for *Return of a lost legacy: Takotna River Salmon*, coauthors Gene Avey, Larry DuBois, and Douglas B. Molyneaux.

Best Poster Eric Kretschmer, ADF&G, Anchorage for *Genetic relationships among walleye pollock in the eastern Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska*, coauthors Sue Merkouris and Jim Seeb.

Best Paper Phillip Mundy, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Lake Oswego, OR, for *Principles and criteria of sustainable salmon management: The Salmon Fishery Evaluation Framework*. 🐟

Today's Technology for Tomorrow's Resources

1999 Annual Meeting, First Call for Papers

The Annual Meeting of the AFS Alaska Chapter is your major opportunity to network with aquatic resource professionals working in Alaska. The 1999 meeting is scheduled for November 9-11 in Kodiak.

An increasing awareness of ecological interactions of our aquatic resources is placing new demands on the research and management efforts of Alaska's fisheries professionals. The expertise and diversity of individuals working with Alaska's aquatic resources provides opportunities for unique solutions to resource problems. The meeting theme "*Today's Technology for Tomorrow's Resources*" is intended to foster discussion among meeting participants on research and management techniques to guide long-term sustainable use of our aquatic resources.

Kodiak, the "Island Terrific in the North Pacific," serves as a hub for both marine and freshwater research. In fact, the November 9-11 timing of the 1999 meeting should provide members the opportunity to observe (and perhaps purchase!) some king crab and groundfish deliveries. A Kodiak meeting will also provide special opportunities for AFS members with hunting interests. Proposals are being solicited for special meeting sessions, workshops, and luncheons. Proposed session or workgroup topics include riparian management, herring management, population modeling, fishery efficiency versus manageability, ageing techniques, escapement assessment, underwater assessment, multi-species approaches, and groundfish and shellfish management. If you would be willing to coordinate or participate in a session or workgroup, please submit proposals, as well as abstracts for contributed papers and posters, to Bill Bechtol, ADF&G, 3298 Douglas Place, Homer, AK 99603-8027 (email: billb@fishgame.state.ak.us).

1999 Pink and Chum Workshop

This is the second call for papers and announcement of the 1999 Pink and Chum Workshop, which will be held March 3-5 in Juneau. If you would like to contribute a paper, please contact the session leader by January 8, 1999. The workshop will commence at noon Wednesday March 3 and end about noon Friday March 5. A banquet is planned for Thursday evening March 4.

The sessions and session leaders: **Early Marine Life History**, Joe Orsi, 789-6034, joe.orsi@noaa.gov; **Homing and Straying**, John Thedinga, 789-6025, john.thedinga@noaa.gov; **Ocean Carrying Capacity**, Jack Helle, 789-6038, jack.helle@noaa.gov; **Stock Structure**, Chris Habicht, 267-2169, chrish.@fishgame.state.ak.us; **Stock Assessment and Management**, Ben Van Alen, 465-4257, benv@fishgame.state.ak.us; **Habitat-Effects of Urbanization**, Otto Langer, (604) 604-666-8171, langer@dfo-mpo.gc.ca; **Contributed Papers**, Christine Kondzela, 789-6084, chris.kondzela@noaa.gov; and **Poster Session**, John Pohl, 789-6082, john.pohl@noaa.gov.

Please inform your colleagues of this workshop and encourage them to participate. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate session leader or Workshop Chair Sharon Hawkins at (907) 789-6081, Fax: 789-6094, e-mail sharon.hawkins@noaa.gov.

Registration: You can register in advance. Cost includes a copy of the Workshop Proceedings and four coffee breaks with snacks. For pre-registrants, cost is \$66 CDN or \$45 U.S.; Student \$33 CDN or \$22 U.S. Registration at the workshop will cost \$76 CDN or \$52 U.S.; Student \$37 CDN or \$25 U.S. A banquet ticket costs \$24 US, \$29 CDN. Fees will be refunded if cancellation notice is received by February 3. If you're not attending the workshop, you can still order the proceedings for \$23 CDN or \$16 U.S. Make checks payable to "19th Pink and Chum Workshop" and indicate amount enclosed in CDN or U.S., and specify if it is for registration, proceedings only, or banquet. Include your name, institution, address, telephone, and fax. Send to Sharon Hawkins, Auke Bay Laboratory, 11305 Glacier Hwy., Juneau, AK 99801-8626.

Express Yourself!

Besides owning a beautiful mug or t-shirt, you can identify yourself as an Alaska Chapter member involved in the wise use of Alaska's aquatic resources. These also make great gifts for friends or family, both locally and far away. The handmade mugs show a salmon feeding on forage fish and are \$13.00. The chapter T-shirts show an Arctic grayling and come in various sizes and colors for \$12.00 (short sleeve) and \$15.00 (long sleeve). Add \$3.00 per item for shipping and handling. To obtain your Alaska Chapter mugs and T-shirts, send your order and a check to **AK AFS** to Allen Bingham, P.O. Box 221804, Anchorage, AK 99522-1804 (AllenB@fishgame.state.ak.us).

Discards Report

The report "*Discards in the groundfish fisheries of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands & Gulf of Alaska, 1995-1997*," prepared for ADF&G by Pacific Associates, Inc. and Fisheries Information Services, is now available. The report summarizes each target fishery's catch and discards from 1995 to 1997. Among groundfish fisheries, mean annual discards were 14% in 1995 and 1996, and 15% in 1997, although discard volumes declined substantially for many species (e.g., chinook salmon) over the time series. The authors suggest that implementing Improved Retention/Improved Utilization will cause discards to decline by at least 40% in 1998. The report is available for downloading off the ADF&G website at <http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/geninfo/pubs/pubshome.htm>.

EFH Update

For those of you tracking Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), NMFS expects to have a final decision on the proposed EFH fishery management plan (FMP) amendments by Jan. 20, 1999. If the EFH FMP amendments are approved, consultation on federal actions that may adversely affect EFH would start Jan. 21, 1999. For information, contact Cindy Hartmann at 586-7235 or Jeanne Hanson and Matthew Eagleton at 271- 5006.



Bill Wilson, Joe Webb, and Carl Burger await the Business Meeting.



Past Presidents and EXCOM gathered at the Past Presidents Luncheon. L-R: Bill Bechtol, Jim Nelson (first Chapter President), Allen Bingham, Dave Wiswar, Cindy Hartmann, and Buck Bryant.

Call For Papers – AFS Annual Meeting

The AFS announces the first call for its 129th Annual Meeting to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 29-September 2, 1999. The theme is *"Integrating Fishery Principles from Mountain to Marine Habitats."* Abstracts for papers and posters must follow the required format and must be received by **8 January 1999**. Visit the AFS web site www.fisheries.org/annual99/99call.htm for details on how to submit an abstract. 🗨️

Seminar Series

Dr. Robert Fagen is currently assembling the schedule for the spring seminar series at the UAF School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences campus in Juneau. Weekly presentations are scheduled for noon Friday. These seminars provide insights into projects conducted by professionals working with aquatic resources and serve to generate discussion about management or survey techniques. Because of the diversity in the aquatic resources discipline, presentations into all aspects of marine resources are welcome. If you will be in Juneau sometime between January and April 1999 and would be willing to share your expertise with University faculty and students, contact Dr. Robert Fagen at 465-6318 or e-mail: ffrmf@uaf.edu. This would be a great opportunity to mentor your profession and to interact with upcoming generations of aquatic professionals! 🗨️

Western Groundfish Conference

The Western Groundfish Conference has been held biannually at various locations since 1981. This international meeting is a forum to disseminate research results and discuss management alternatives for some of the West Coast's most valuable marine resources. The 11th conference is scheduled for 24-28 April 2000 in Sitka, and posters or oral presentations are being solicited for a wide range of topics. For information, contact Tory O'Connell at 747-6688, e-mail toryo@fishgame.state.ak.us. 🗨️

Poaching Skipper Freed with Limbs

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The skipper of a Taiwanese longliner arrested while fishing 3 miles off Somalia was released with a \$300,000 fine and escaped amputation of his left foot and right hand as ordered by the court. The 280-ton *Shen Kno II* was arrested by Somali officials as she was breaching her license by longlining within 25 miles of the coast and taking a high percentage of shark by-catch. A court demanded more than \$3 million plus amputation of the captain's foot and hand. The boat was held for 4 months before the licensing company Afmet negotiated the longliner's release with a reduced fine and the captain intact. 🗨️

Membership Report

The Chapter has 401 members as of November 30, 1998. Memberships include 284 active, 49 life, 10 retired, and 46 student. Twelve members reside outside Alaska in nine states or provinces, and 32 institutions, offices, and fisheries newsletters receive complimentary copies of the newsletter. A total of 215 members have paid 1998 Parent Society dues, while 125 have paid through 1999. A total of 196 members have paid 1998 Chapter dues, while 154 have paid through 1999. Recently dropped from membership were 50 people who had only paid Parent Society dues through 1997. Additionally, a total of 39 members are delinquent on Chapter dues (1997 or before). The 50 dropped members and the 39 delinquent members will be contacted by the Membership Committee.

Check your mailing label. The four-digit number at the right of the top line tells if you're paid up. The first two digits are Parent Society dues; the second two are Chapter dues. The year is the year "paid through," and was updated November 1998. If it is incorrect, contact Allen Bingham (P.O. Box 221804, Anchorage 99522-1804; AllenB@fishgame.state.ak.us). 🗨️

Cultural Diversity Travel Award

The Alaska Chapter provided a Cultural Diversity Travel Award of \$350 to help meet travel expenses to the 1998 AFS/Wakefield meeting in Anchorage. The purpose of the award is to encourage participation in the fisheries field by women and minorities. The winner this year was Kathleen Menke of Haines. Kathleen is a freelance journalist in fisheries issues and the newest member of our Environmental Concerns Committee! Each year, the award recipient is asked to write an article for *Oncorhynchus* about experiences at the Annual Meeting:

I extend my appreciation to the AFS Alaska Chapter for the Cultural Diversity Travel Award which I was privileged to receive so that I could attend the Annual Meeting in Anchorage this past September. The line-up of speakers, presentations, and trade show booths was truly impressive and a real tribute to the hard work and political sensitivity of Cindy Hartmann and others who planned and coordinated the event. I especially wanted to attend this particular conference because of its location, its theme "Ecosystem Considerations," and the inclusion of the Western Division, the North Pacific International Chapter, and the Lowell-Wakefield Symposium. I commend the Chapter for its commitment to cultural diversity by offering this award and for its commitment to the role of communicators in the fisheries field.

Particularly meaningful to me at this year's conference were speakers in the Plenary Session, and presentations on Essential Fish Habitat, Adaptive Management, Habitat and Spatial Considerations, and

American Water Resources Association

The 1999 annual meeting of the Alaska Section will be held April 12 and 13, 1999, in Juneau. The theme is "*Hydroelectric Development and Engineering of Water Resources Structures in Alaska*." Involvement of key members of the Alaska legislature is actively being solicited. Invited speakers will explore the unique problems associated with development and management of water resources in Alaska.

The AWRA, Alaska Section welcomes papers and posters covering the full range of water resource issues that exist across the state and many disciplines of our membership. Topics include water-resource regulations and public impacts; basic data collection programs; instream flow and the balance between regulation, technical requirements, and costs; risk analysis and environmental regulations; advancements in modeling hydrologic systems; biological topics; federal and state relationships; and management of ground water.

Deadline for submitting abstracts for papers and poster sessions is February 15, 1999. Membership in the Section is not a requirement. For papers, abstracts may be sent as printed hard copy, or e-mail as attachments. We encourage all presenters to write a 2-3 page "short paper" with graphics. These papers and abstracts will be published by the UAF Water and Environmental Research Center as proceedings, which will also be published on the Alaska Section web pages. Poster abstracts can be e-mailed as attachments or as printed copies. These abstracts will also be published in the proceedings and on the web. Indicate the poster session support you will need.

Please send your name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail address, whether it is a paper or poster, title, and abstract by e-mail or mail to Geoff Coble, C/O Coble Geophysical Services, P.O. Box 1637, Homer 99603-1637; cqs@alaska.net. Contact Geoff at 235-1066 for details.

Whole Ecosystem Approaches. Larry Mercurlied reminded us all in the Plenary Session that "Diversity is the foundation for survival." This applies, I think, to both our profession and to the resource itself. Larry also reminded us that we need to have "wisdom as well as knowledge" and we must bring "our hearts as well as our brains" to the work that we do. This means giving weight to feminine, indigenous, and holistic perspectives as we continue to emphasize the importance of good science. According to Larry Mercurlied, "The deep sense of the interconnectedness of all things" is our spiritual journey.

Dr. Stuart Pimm noted that in dealing with uncertainty, one of the most effective experiments we can undertake now is to set aside Marine Preserves. I would like to add that setting aside certain particularly productive watersheds as Watershed Preserves is also worth making a high priority at this time, particularly in Alaska. I would like to help promote both Marine Preserves and Watershed Preserves in my work as a writer of fisheries and watershed issues.

What I hope to do with the listening and learning experience that I had at this conference is to more effectively pursue my personal goals as a writer and fisheries issues communicator in promoting sustainable fisheries in the community where I live, in Haines, on the Chilkoot and Chilkat watersheds, in Lynn Canal, in Alaska, and in our world. I am interested in collaborating with researchers who want to work with a writer to promote these goals. If you have important technical information you want to get to a broader audience, I would be interested in working with you. I can be contacted at PO Box 781, Haines, Alaska 99827; 766-3517 (phone/fax), or e-mail at kfish@seaknet.alaska.edu.

Thanks again to the Chapter, Joe Sullivan, and the Cultural Diversity Committee for your support in my attending this conference. *Kathleen M. Kennell Menke.*

ByLaw Changes, from page 1

Section 4 [3] Officers In case of a vacated position in the succession, [OFFICERS SHALL SUCCEED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM AND] the Executive Committee shall conduct a mail-ballot election for the office of First Vice-President.

Section 6 [5] ~~The Executive Committee~~ [CHAPTER COMMITTEES]

~~Section 7 Chapter Committees~~—[FUNCTIONAL] committees and the Chairpersons of committees, except as listed in Section 5-[4] of these Bylaws, shall be appointed by the President as may be necessary for the conduct of Chapter activities.

Section 3 [6] [GENERAL MEMBERSHIP] Meetings The Chapter shall hold at least one [GENERAL MEMBERSHIP] meeting annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 8 [7] Voting and Quorum A quorum at any [GENERAL MEMBERSHIP] meeting for the transaction of official business shall be 20 members of the Chapter.

Section 9—[8] Registration [FEES] The Executive Committee may assess ~~each registrant attending~~ [FEES] ~~annual meetings of the Chapter a registration fee necessary~~ to cover the costs of the meeting[S] and Chapter activities. [MEMBERSHIP DUES SHALL BE MODIFIED THROUGH THE RESOLUTION PROCESS].

Section 11 ~~Chapter Dues~~—Chapter dues are \$10.00 per member per calendar year.

Business Meeting Minutes

[Condensed by Editor] Quorum was determined by show of hands; 26 members were present. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m., October 2. President Buck Bryant introduced the Chapter's EXCOM: Cindy Hartmann, President-Elect; Bill Bechtol, Vice-President; Allen Bingham, Treasurer; David Wiswar, Secretary; Mike Byerly, Student Unit President; incoming Vice President Carol Ann Woody; and incoming Treasurer Sue Walker (not present). Also present and introduced were Bob Carline, President AFS; Bob Bilby, WD President; Carl Burger, 1st Vice President; Carlos Fetterolf, Past President AFS; and Pete Bisson, WD Past President. Buck introduced Chapter historian Jim Reynolds, who briefly reviewed Chapter history. Jim prepared a brochure of the Chapter history which was given out at the meeting [enclosed in this issue of *Oncorhynchus*]. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the 1997 Business Meeting, which was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report Treasurer Bingham reported a net balance of \$79,846.34 as of September 27, 1998, including \$27,268.36 in the main Chapter checking account; \$22,788.76 in the cash management account; \$7,080.45 in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) for the Cultural Diversity Award Fund; \$10,100 in a CD for the Wally Noerenberg Award Fund; \$2,742.14 in the Fishes of Alaska Key checking account; \$2,849.52 in the Raffle checking account; \$9,230.05 in Accounts Receivable; \$2,649.50 in Undeposited Funds; and \$4,862.44 in Accounts Payable. Allen explained that it is not unusual to have a lot of money in checking this time of year because all bills for the current meeting have not been received. Also, the continuing education courses did well this year and brought in money. Money is kept in reserve to start up next year's Annual Meeting, initiating special projects, such as continuing education, and keeping up with payments for the fish key project. There is potentially debt from the Arctic Fish Symposium to the parent Chapter. The Treasurer's report was accepted and approved.

Local arrangements Bill Wilson, chair of the local arrangements committee, gave special thanks to the staff of the Hilton Hotel for their endeavors in making the meeting a success.

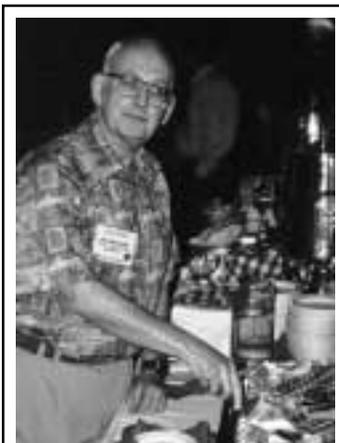
Membership Bill Bechtol reported that as of this meeting there were 438 members. Allen Bingham is in charge of the Chapter's membership data base.

Student Unit President Mike Byerly reported that the Unit was active with representation at both UAF and UAF Southeast. Students from the Unit have assisted at this meeting with registration, raffle sales, and video components of the sessions.

Cultural Diversity Chair Joe Sullivan announced that a travel award to attend this meeting was presented to Kathleen Menke in the sum of \$350. Kathleen is a freelance journalist from Haines whose work includes fisheries-related publications.

Electronic Communications Norma Jean Sands reported that the website had been expanded to include issues of the newsletter *Oncorhynchus*, continuing education courses, capabilities for graphics, and a link to the Alaska Sea Grant for information about this joint meeting. The web site address is <http://www.alaska.net/~fishak>. The e-mail address for comments about and contributions to the site is fishak@alaska.net.

Fish Key of Alaska Chair Bill Wilson gave a brief synopsis of the key and the work completed to date. AFS



Jim Reynolds, Chapter Historian, cuts and serves the cake to celebrate the 25th birthday of the Alaska Chapter.

is to receive a draft this summer to ensure the format is compatible for publication. Completion date is this winter. Title, authorship, number of copies, price per copy, and numerous other details need to be worked out.

Environmental Concerns Chair Eric Knudsen reported that the committee provided comments to NMFS on draft recommendations to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council concerning Essential Fish Habitat.

The Wally Noerenberg Award Chair Gordon Kruse reported there were no nominations for the award this year.

Awards Nicky Szarzi presented the names of people who received an award at the Chapter meeting in Juneau in 1997. Best Poster was awarded to Carol Kerkvliet, Penny Crane and Lisa Seeb; Best Student Paper went to Jennifer Boldt, and Best Paper was by John Hudson, Mark Wipfli, and John Caouette.

Stocks at Risk Chair Alex Wertheimer said the committee was charged with extending status review of salmon species to the rest of Alaska. The initial report covered southeast Alaska.

Resolution and Bylaws Chair Dennis Tol said that the wording in the Bylaws regarding Chapter dues for students was changed to reflect the way business is actually carried out. No new resolutions were submitted for consideration. Dennis noted that much of what the committee once handled has been taken up by the environmental concerns committee.

AFS President Bob Carline addressed the Chapter with a brief salutation. Cindy Hartmann thanked Chapter members and others who helped with the 1998 meeting. Special recognition was given to Brenda Baxter, Sea Grant; Bob Bilby, Program Chair, WD President; Bill Hauser, Local Arrangements Chair; Bill Wilson, local arrangements contact with Hilton Hotel; and Allen Bingham, program schedule and meeting budget.

Outgoing President's Address Buck Bryant expressed his gratitude at being able to serve as Chapter president this past year. He expressed the importance of fishery biologists being able to communicate their concerns with their constituents. He related the fable of "The Weaver and the Worm" by James Thurber, with its moral that a word to the wise is insufficient if the message is not understood.

New President's Comments Cindy Hartmann presented her goals for the Chapter for the next year. They are to 1) continue to integrate upland and marine disciplines in Chapter participation; 2) reevaluate the traditional meeting time to determine if a change would draw more and new people to the meetings; 3) review the Chapter's strategic plan to see if it needs updating to coincide with that of the parent AFS; 4) get the EXCOM and committee chairs working more closely together; and 5) strengthen the Chapter's membership and broaden its diversity.

Committee Chairs New chairpersons are needed to head several committees within the Chapter. Cindy asked people attending the business meeting to help get the word out and recruit new committee chairs and to encourage Chapter members to become active committee members.

The 1998 Meeting Bill Bechtol led a short discussion on the possible timing and location of the 1999 meeting. The members present gave their support to the EXCOM to decide the time and place of next year's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM. 🗨️



Banquet speaker Clem Tillion receives a Certificate of Appreciation from President Cindy Hartmann.

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