



MINUTES From the 2000 Annual MCAFS Meeting

TO: MCAFS EXCOM
FROM: Ken Staigmiller, MCAFS Secretary/Treasurer
SUBJECT: Minutes of MCAFS 2000 Business Meeting – Great Falls
DATE: February 10, 2000

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- IX. Adjourn

MINUTES-----

I. Opening: President Buddy Drake called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum of 30 members was present.

II. Minutes from 1999 Business meeting were accepted.

III. Treasurer's Report – Ken Staigmiller

See attached report. It was noted that our income and expenditures for 1999 pretty much broke even, even after paying out \$6,670.00 in Resource Action Funds (RAF). This includes a \$500.00 liability from an unpaid RAF from several years ago. Treasurer's report was accepted and filed.

IV. Election of President-Elect: Pat Clancey was the sole candidate and was elected. His term will begin in September 2000.

V. Recognition of Past-President: President Buddy Drake presented a plaque to Past-President Tom McMahon for his service to the MCAFS.

VI. Best Student Paper Award: Dmitri Vidergar's paper entitled, "Predatory influence of selected salmonids on kokanee, Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho," was presented with the Best Student Paper Award by Pat Byorth, Award's Committee Chair. Dmitri received a \$100 check from MCAFS.

VII. Committee and ad-hoc Committee Reports:

A. Species of Special Concern – Beth Gardner Chair reported that 27 people attended the caucus. The Native Fish posters are complete, with 49,000 having been printed and distributed. Sixteen status papers are being written, with 8 completed and 8 left to finish. Assignments were made to complete the 8 remaining. Of the 8 completed, 4 are still awaiting peer review. The committee recommended that Sauger be listed as a class B species of special concern (SOSC). Beth made a motion to the membership this class B listing of Sauger which passed unanimously

based on reduced range in MT and surrounding states, and uncertainty about why it is not rebounding. Also recommended was listing of the Torrent Sculpin as a class C SOSC. A motion was made to list as a Class C SOSC and passed unanimously based on limited range. The committee also brought up the issue of combining the SOSC list with a similar list by the Montana Natural Heritage Program. It was recommended that we explore possibilities for combining these lists.

B. Bull Trout – No Report

C. Environmental Concerns – Two people attended the caucus. Carol Endicott reported that the discussion focused on TMDL's, HCP developed by Plum Creek Timber, and the EIS for Coal Bed Methane development in the Tongue River.

D. Land Management – No caucus was held due to the lack of committee chairs. The need to find replacement chairs was discussed. Mike Enk stressed the continued need for this committee to have co-chairs due to several large issues coming into focus such as roadless initiatives on public lands and OHV use. Ron Spoon and Clint Muhlfeld have agreed to serve as co-chairs representing the east and west respectively.

E. Public Outreach – Kate Walker-Smith reported that there was no attendance at the recent committee caucus and as a result, the committee will not be very active in the coming year. She will pursue several housekeeping items including compiling a list of aquatic education resources for publishing on the web, and establishing a network of members interested in aquatic education issues in order to promote the exchange of ideas and resources. Anyone interested in helping with this should contact Kate.

F. Continuing Education – Jim Magee was commended on another successful workshop. This year's topic was illegal introductions and had over 60 participants. Emily Zollweg has agreed to help with planning next year's workshop and anyone who has any topic suggestions should get them to her or Jim.

G. UM Subunit – U of M Students met with those from MSU to discuss future projects which centered around public outreach.

H. Awards – Pat Byorth was commended on an excellent awards banquet which was held yesterday.

I. Membership – Laura Katzman, chair reported that 149 people attended this year's meeting (compared to 137 last year). Of those 149 attendees, 70 attended the 1999 annual meeting in Big Sky. Currently we have 184 MCAFS members with 127

belonging to the parent AFS, and 57 affiliate members. In 1999 we had 180 members with 160 belonging to parent AFS and 20 affiliated members.

J. Legislation – currently has no chair since this is not a legislative year. All issues have been handled by the EXCOM.

K. Newsletter – Andrew Munro, Editor. Next newsletter will go out sometime in the spring.

L. Historian – Wayne Black mentioned that anyone who has any historical documents or artifacts should send them to him. He also mentioned the need for someone to take photographs at our annual meetings.

M. Raffle – Brent Mabbott , committee chair, has a table full of great prizes. See him for tickets.

N. Intermountain Journal of Sciences – Al Zale reported that MCAFS was one of three founding members of this journal, which was started three years ago. It has become fairly stable and is in need of subscriptions. There is an upcoming special issue on the Henry's Fork River.

O. Yellowstone River Task Force – Brad Shepard reported that this is a technical review committee that mainly focuses on reviewing data and annual reports.

P. Chapter Webpage – Ad-hoc committee chair Steve Dalbey reported that we will be switching our host server to the Parent Society. After this transition is complete, Lee Nelson and Eileen Ryce will be taking over as committee chairs. It was noted that the Species of Special Concern Papers will eventually be put on the webpage. Steve was commended for his efforts in getting the chapter webpage up and running smoothly.

VIII. New Business

A. Summer Workshop – Last year's workshop was canceled due to lack of participation. Mike asked if there was any interest from the membership in having a workshop this summer, and if so, were there any suggestions for topics. It was suggested that the upcoming Native Species Symposium take the place of a workshop this summer as well as next. The Cherry Creek Project was suggested for a potential topic in the future.

B. Resource Action Fund – One request for a RAF grant was received from the

Idaho Chapter AFS seeking sponsorship of their upcoming symposium. They requested \$500 to support their symposium entitled, "Detection, Status, and Management of Introgressed Populations of Westslope Cutthroat Trout," to be held 5/31/00 – 6/1/00. EXCOM recommended sending a contribution of \$300 since the symposium topics are relative to issues faced in Montana. Some concerns with sending money were that the RAF was intended for projects in Montana and that we would be setting a precedent for sending money elsewhere. Pat Clancey made a motion to follow the recommendation and send \$300 but to stipulate that MCAFS be recognized. The motion was seconded and passed 30-3 in favor.

C. Native Species Symposium. Brad Shepard commented that plans for the symposium are coming along nicely and all indications are that it could be big. There is still a need for poster session chairs. The symposium will be held June 6 – 8, 2001 at the U of M in Missoula. A call for papers should be coming out very soon.

D. Wild Trout VII – Pat Byorth announced the upcoming Wild Trout VII symposium to be held this summer. EXCOM had previously approved sending \$100 to support this.

E. Open Floor

1. Christine Moffitt, President AFS, announced the upcoming annual meeting in St. Louis and the Western Division Meeting in Telluride and urged people to attend. She also mentioned the need for award's nominations at the national level.

2. Clint Muhlfeld made a motion to move Redband Rainbow trout from a class B to a Class A species of special concern, and the topic was discussed at length. He cited the need based on the reduced historical range as well as the petitioning for listing as an endangered species. The major opposition was that this was an important decision and it would be more appropriate to do this through the species of special concern committee where more thorough review could take place. It was suggested that the motion be amended for Clint to write a proposal to the committee which would then send a recommendation to the EXCOM. No amendment was made and the motion was voted on. Motion failed by a vote of 20-6. Brad Shepard made a motion for Clint to write to the committee a proposal for the listing, to be reviewed by Joe Huston, which could be voted on by a mail in ballot in the next newsletter. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Bob Wiltshire commented on the need for better attendance at EXCOM meetings.

4. Brad Shepard commented on the need to support the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, which would provide funding to state for non-game species

management. He encourage anyone to send comments to Christine at AFS.

F. Pat Clancey is in charge of arrangements for next year's annual meeting. Time and Place will be announced at a later date.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.



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