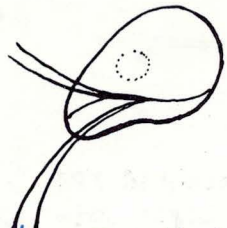


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FISH HEALTH SECTION



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AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL AFS FISH DISEASE SPECIALISTS

Dear AFS Member:

The Steering Committee of the Fish Health Section has assembled a mailing list of AFS members who are currently active in programs that promote fish health. Your name is on this list. We may have overlooked others. If you know of others who would like to be added to the FHS mailing list, please have their names forwarded to Mr. Chuck Hicks, Chairman Pro-Tem of the Membership and Balloting Committee, Missouri Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

The FHS was created at the AFS annual meeting in Salt Lake City last Fall. A petition was approved by a unanimous floor vote under the provisions of Section 19 of the AFS Bylaws. This Section authorizes the establishment of interest-discipline "Sections of the Society" in addition to the existing regional Divisions and local Chapters. Following the Salt Lake meeting an eleven-man Steering Committee was organized and duties were assigned during the winter. Committee members developed an initial mailing list, drafted the proposed FHS Bylaws, looked into means of arriving at a slate of officers for elections, began the preparation of a semi-annual newsletter, and began preliminary committee work on professional qualifications and standards, technical procedures, and balloting methods.

These things we have worked on. More important are the things that remain for this year. Two regional fish disease conferences are scheduled (see the announcements) and the role of the FHS is likely to be a hot item. One of the main purposes of this letter is to assure you that the FHS is in no way interested in causing the structuring or formalizing these conferences. Since we cannot travel to each an every conference the FHS can serve as a vehicle for communications in our field. Properly and responsibly done the FHS can keep you informed without threatening the spontaneity of the fish disease conferences. Please discuss this matter at these forth-coming conferences and forward your comments and suggestions to me at P.O. Box 252, Genoa, Wisconsin 54632.

After the fish disease conferences are over, another Newsletter will be issued which will include a membership application and a ballot. Your \$2.00 dues payment for 1973 will validate your ballot and assure that your name remains on the mailing list. The FHS will, in 1973, be given the responsibilities of the AFS Fish Disease Committee. The other major activities of the FHS are spelled out in the FHS Bylaws which have been reproduced in this Newsletter. By reviewing these Bylaws you can get a better idea of the objectives and mechanisms of the FHS. Voting on the ratification of the Bylaws should come next year after they are approved by the Executive Committee of the AFS. If you have candid comments or suggested changes please send them to me in order to provide the membership the best set of Bylaws possible for ratification.

Thank you for your consideration. Your participation in the endeavors of the FHS is the key to success. In return you can expect the FHS to work toward improved communications in this highly specialized field and to provide a means for more meaningful participation in the American Fisheries Society.

Sincerely,

James W. Warren, Chairman
FHS Steering Committee

CURRENT TOPICS

1. Oregon State University graduate student John Mc Michaels has detected IPN virus in adult coho salmon returning in the fall of 1971 to the Lower Columbia river. Mc Michaels was performing a survey of the adults and confirmed the presence of the virus through the use of Chinook Salmon Embryo (CSE) cells. The virus has now been detected in the resulting fry but the impact the infection will have upon the young coho is not known at this early date. (For more information contact Dr. John Fryer, Dept. of Microbiology, OSU, Corvallis, Oregon 97331)
2. Chlorination of the Tobacco River has been apparently successful for the control of whirling disease. Several miles of this Michigan river were treated in 1970 and the only positive fish detected in a post-treatment check were test-fish from known infected rearing units. Re-treatment of sections of the river in the fall of 1971 failed to reveal any positive fish. Additional surveys of the stream will be conducted in the spring of 1972. (For further information contact Mr. Dave Mac Lean, Hatchery Biology Service Center, P.O. Box 507, Grayling, Michigan 49738)
3. Temperatures of 56° F. or higher have been used in the state of California to prevent losses caused by SRCD. This year this viral infection has caused "substantial" losses in spite of elevated rearing temperatures for young chinook salmon. Experimental work is being conducted by several groups at this time. (For further information contact Dr. Bill Wingfield, Virologist, Fish Pathology Laboratory, 2111 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, California 95670)

Meetings and Miscellany

1. Midwest Fish Disease Conference: June 12 & 13 - Holiday Inn, Traverse City, Michigan
2. Western Fish Disease Conference: July 6 & 7 (Tentatively) Seattle, Washington
(Site to be announced by Jim Wood, Chairman)
3. Symposium on Fish Pathology: August 7 - 9, Sternberg Auditorium, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C. (Attendance by application by 1 June to Dr. George Migaki, Comparative Pathology Branch, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C. 20305)
4. The office of the Executive Secretary of the AFS has half price (\$8.00) copies of "A Symposium on Diseases of Fishes and Shellfishes" edited by S.F. Snieszko. Each AFS member is entitled to one copy at the \$8.00 price. There is no finer single source of current fish disease information available for either research or field practice. If you don't have your copy, mail your check for \$8.00 to: American Fisheries Society, Suite 1040 Washington Building, Washington, D. C. 20005.

FISH HEALTH SECTION BYLAWS

Article I: Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be FISH HEALTH SECTION of the American Fisheries Society as provided for by Section 19 of the Bylaws of the Society.

Article II. Objectives

Section 1. In addition to supporting the objectives of the American Fisheries Society as set forth in Article I of the Constitution of the Society, the objectives of the Fish Health Section shall be:

- a. To maintain an association of persons involved in safeguarding the health of fish.
- b. To objectively focus public attention on fish health problems.
- c. To stimulate the application of effective fish health protection practices by supporting and cooperating with Federal, State and private organizations.

Section 2. These stated Section objectives shall be pursued by:

- a. Maintaining timely communications among the members of the Section through the compilation and dissemination of proceedings, notes or abstracts from fish disease conferences and technical sessions on fish health topics.
- b. Submitting to the officers of the American Fisheries Society an annual written report on the status of serious fish health problems together with recommendations for Society action.
- c. Promoting the development and use of standardized, reliable techniques for the detection and/or diagnosis of certain diseases of fish.
- d. Developing professional standards for the variety of working specialties related to the fish health field.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Fish Health Section shall be open to all members, in good standing, of the American Fisheries Society. Individual active members are entitled to one vote.

Section 2. Official, non-voting memberships are open to organizations and agencies in sympathy with the objectives of the Fish Health Section upon the approval of the Membership and Balloting Committee.

Section 3. Sustaining, non-voting memberships are open to individuals and organizations upon the approval of the Membership and Balloting Committee.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be a President, a Vice- President, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected, as provided below, for a term of one calendar year.

Section 3. No member shall hold the same office, except that of Secretary-Treasurer, for more than two consecutive years.

Section 4. Officers shall be nominated by the Executive Committee. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the membership, with the consent of the nominee, by October 1st of each year. Petitions, signed by at least 10 Section members in good standing, recommending the nomination of consenting individuals will be reviewed by the Executive Committee if submitted to the President by September 1st. Mail balloting on the final list of candidates will be conducted and completed by December 15th.

Section 5. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the mail ballots returned by December 15th. At least one-third of the active membership must participate in the election to constitute a quorum.

Section 6. In the event of a vacated position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a qualified replacement to fill the unexpired term.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: The President shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee and shall preside at meetings of the Section, appoint all committees and serve as an ex officio member thereof except as limited herein. The President shall represent the Fish Health Section to the American Fisheries Society and shall make such appointments and perform other duties and functions as are authorized and necessary.

Section 2. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and be responsible for preparing an annual report on the status of serious fish health problems for presentation by the Section to the Executive Committee of the Society.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain current lists of the membership together with their addresses, receive all dues, pay all bills, keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, present a semi-annual report to the Executive Committee and an annual report to the membership and reports to the parent Society as necessary.

Article VI. Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Fish Health Section, the chairmen of the standing committees, and the immediate past president.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have authority to determine policies, and conduct business consistent with the objectives of the Fish Health Section.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall maintain an awareness of serious fish health problems and shall aid in the preparation of an annual fish health status report and appropriate resolutions for Society action.