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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JOSHUAH PERKIN



Thanks for allowing me to steer the ship. – Two years ago, I thought the ultimate image of leadership that I could share with you was posing with students to recreate historical moments such as presidential boat rides or oval office business. Today, I have a new view of leadership. This view is not parody or imitation, it's as genuine as they come and still a bit unreal to me. It's the opportunity to stand among the future leaders of our Chapter and discuss how they crafted a floating vessel out of materials that were not intended to contact water. To see their ingenuity in design, originality of name, and clever adaptation of repurposed items all while working as teams with would-be strangers. The way they came together in the spirit of competition and shared excitement. All of this, cast against a backdrop of a ballroom full of posters presented earlier in the evening. Titles, charts, fish photos – all hallmarks of our communication of science – not at the forefront of our attention, but in the back of our minds as we think collectively about the task at hand. This is my personal view of leadership forged during my time as President of the Chapter and a cher-

ished memory for me. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your leader.

Business updates. – I have a few updates for you as we roll into '26. The Membership Committee has been working to align our Chapter membership with membership of the so-called Parent Society (American Fisheries Society). There is currently no policy in place for members to join only a Chapter but not the Society, and consequently our challenge is to ensure that our membership can easily join both the Society and the Texas Chapter. This has direct implications for Chapter business because only members of the Society and the Chapter can vote in Chapter elections. The ExComm reviewed options presented by the Membership Committee, including options to (1) enable selection of Chapter membership on the Society website at a charge of \$1 and increase conference registration fees by \$5 for students and \$15 for professionals, (2) enable selection of Chapter membership on the Society website at no charge and increase conference registration fees as stated above, or (3) enable selection of Chapter membership on the Socie-



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ITEMS OF NOTE

- 2026 TCAFS Annual Meeting to be held in Galveston January 15-17th. Register [here](#) today!
- TCAFS memberships can be completed online now! Click [here](#) to start or renew a membership today!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

ty website at a charge of \$15 for everyone after which the Society would send funds to the Chapter at a later date. The ExComm voted in favor of option 1, but our by-laws dictate that we make this a voting topic at our upcoming business meeting. In the short term, members are now able to join the Texas Chapter through the Society's new [Membership System](#) at the same time they renew Society membership. In other news, the Texas Chapter looks forward to supporting the upcoming Southern Division meeting to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana March 5-8, 2026. I hope many of you can join me in attending the SDAFS meeting! Finally, the Editorial and History committees are working to ensure that we appropriately celebrate our 50th anniversary meeting, complete with retrospective analysis of where we've been and prospective analysis of where we're heading. I hope that you'll join in the process by sharing humorous stories or anecdotes from the past that we can celebrate in Galveston at our annual meeting to be held January 15-17, 2026. Among other places, you can share your thoughts with me at jperkin@tamu.edu.

Say, what a lot of fish [people] there are. – Of all the strange creatures the great poet Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss) dreamed up, he chose to title what many juvenile scholars consider to be his best literary work on the quantification (one, two) and classification (red, blue) of fishes. His target audience was children, and we all know the real-life fishes our Chapter members work with do not drive cars or wear stars (see Western Starhead Topminnow for an exception). Still, the challenges of enumerating fish populations and stocks, and classifying fishes with names we can agree upon are clear and present. And so, you might agree that “it takes a village” to achieve such complex goals. We have such a village in the Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Our village is diverse and expansive. We have members with expertise in the nuts and bolts of policy that construct regulations to police the wise use of fish and fisheries; we have members that work like soldiers in the trenches of daily combat against habitat degradation and invasive species; we have members that study the native status of fishes and their cultural significance; we have members that dress like cowboys. These are the people of our village – the village people. And it's our collective sense of community that I have come to appreciate most during my time as President of the Chapter. At last year's annual meeting in College Station, I asked that attendees sign their name to a giant model of an Alligator Gar (well, artist's interpretation of an Alligator Gar). My intent was to give that away, but instead I bought it back in the auction and to this day it hangs in my garage. I see the signed gar every day and routinely try to pick out names of our membership that I recognize or a name that I do not yet recognize but one day hope to put a face with. Images of the signed gar are included on the following page of this newsletter. I hope you'll take a moment to peruse the names and see if you recognize yours, your friends, or perhaps those with whom you might soon establish or strengthen a connection. This is why I believe Dr. Seuss' sentiment of “Say, what a lot of fish there are!” can and should be minimally adjusted to reflect the incredible diversity of people that make up our Chapter.

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TCAFS 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

◇ REGISTRATION

◇ LODGING

◇ 50TH
ANNIVERSARY
T-SHIRTS

TCAFS 2026 AT MOODY GARDENS

Registration for the 2026 TCAFS Meeting is open and can be completed for individuals [HERE](#) and for groups [HERE](#).

Early-bird registration rates end January 2nd.

Book your hotel room at Moody Gardens [HERE](#).

Discounted rates end December 31st.

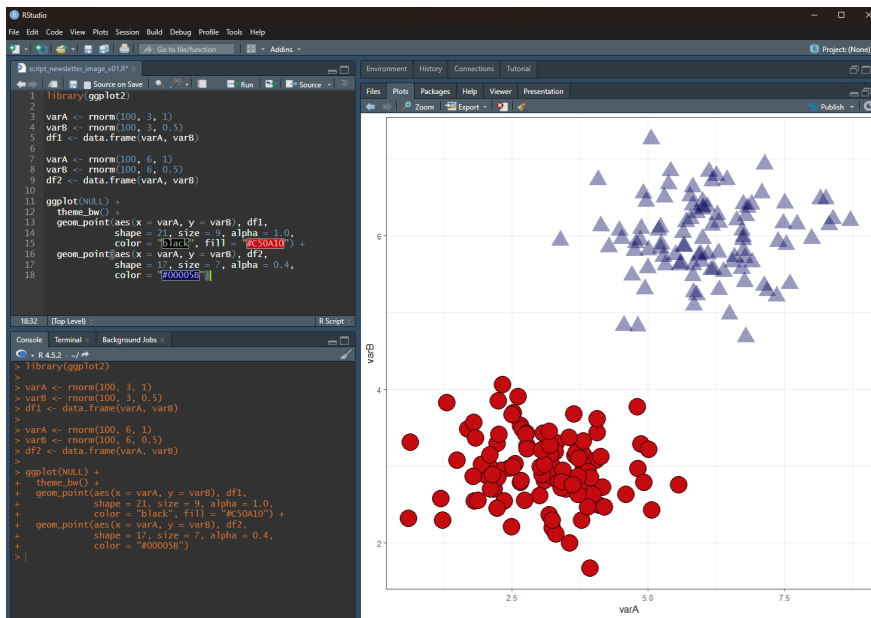


Get your 50th anniversary Texas Chapter t-shirt like this one (other styles available too) [HERE](#).

TCAFS 2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION

Data Visualization in R with ggplot2

with Matthew Troia, UT-San Antonio



Field Boat Fundamentals: Interactive Training on Safety, Operation, and Modifications with Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries



Enroll in these Continuing Education opportunities at no cost when you register for the 2026 annual meeting.

TCAFS 2026
ANNUAL
MEETING

◇ CONTINUING
EDUCATION



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT CORNER

FIELD TECHNICIAN WITH BIO-WEST BY COLBY DUROCHER, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY



My name is Colby Durocher, and I am a recent graduate of Texas State University. Throughout my academic journey, I explored several avenues within the biological sciences, but it wasn't until my senior year that I discovered the fascinating world of Ichthyology. Under the direction of Dr. Tim Bonner, I took a course that allowed me to experience the thrill of seining a few Texas drainages and encountered some truly unique fishes along the way. From that moment I was hooked, and I knew that I wanted to pursue more aquatic work.

Following this interest, I joined Dr. Caitlin Gabor's behavioral ecology lab, where I conducted research on behavior and cognition in *Gambusia*. Using these experiences as my foundation, I was able to land a summer seasonal position at BIO-WEST, a local environmental consulting firm. Under the mentorship of Brad Littrell, I have continued to explore the world of aquatics and further develop my skills.

At BIO-WEST I have had the privilege to participate in an array of field experiences. In addition to pulling seines, one of my favorite ventures has been learning to electrofish for American Eels. At Toledo Bend Dam, our crew utilizes a barge shocker to encourage the eels out of hiding, where we can then net them. Once netted, we then fit the eel with

Visual Implant Elastomer (VIE) tags or Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tags to evaluate recaptures. This helps us estimate abundance of eels in the area, and helps inform the effectiveness of the nearby eel ramptraps.

When we're not busy wrangling eels, I have also found myself working on aquatic vegetation restoration projects at Landa Lake in New Braunfels. By removing invasive plant species, our team can go back into these now-cleared areas and replant them with native vegetation such as *Ludwigia* (Water-Primrose) and *Cabomba* (Carolina Fanwort). Not only does this help keep our waters native, but these two plants also create quality habitat for the endangered Fountain Darter.

Lastly, in addition to sampling fish for research purposes, a significant portion of my time has been allocated towards surveying various species of freshwater mussels. Through these surveys, mark-recapture studies, and even mussel relocations, I have gained a much deeper understanding and appreciation for the vital role that these oftentimes overlooked animals play in the ecosystem.

While my time with BIO-WEST is still in its infancy, I have already been lucky enough to witness some absolutely beautiful parts of Texas, along with the incredible creatures hidden within Texas' waters. I look forward to continuing down this path of aquatic biology and eagerly await what the future holds.



Colby Durocher pictured on right.

INTERNSHIP WITH TPWD INLAND FISHERIES

BY KATHLEEN COGLIANESE, UT-SAN ANTONIO



My name is Kathleen Coglianese and I recently graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and a concentration in aquatic science. This summer I had the privilege of being a fisheries management intern with Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries Division at the A.E. Wood Fish Hatchery in San Marcos, Texas. Through my internship, I have been able to hone skills in fisheries and natural resource management, expand my knowledge of aquatic ecology and habitats, and build connections that will help me succeed in my pursuit of a career in aquatic and fisheries sciences.

Over the course of the 3-month internship, I had opportunities to conduct boat electrofishing, seine net sampling, assist with fish stockings, hoop net catfish surveys, help sample for endangered mussels in San Marcos, assist with angler creel surveys, backpack electrofish for Rio Grande Cichlids in San Marcos, and help with the repatriation of pure Guadalupe bass into Brushy Creek in Williamson county. In addition to building skills and experience with sampling techniques, I was also able to learn how to drive a boat, back up a boat trailer, and drive a truck with a trailer. Additionally, I was able to build skills in GIS and FieldMaps through aquatic vegetation mapping throughout the regional district. With these opportunities, I was able to learn

more about aquatic ecosystems in Texas, especially around the central Texas and San Marcos areas.

I also had the privilege of working with some of the other teams with Texas Parks and Wildlife. I assisted the Coastal Fisheries crew based out of HQ in Austin to conduct bioassessments at Fessenden Creek in Mountain Home and at Gorman Springs at Colorado Bend State Park. The bioassessments consisted of backpack electrofishing, seine netting, aquatic invertebrate sampling, and taking water depth measurements. I was also able to go out with the River Studies crew based in San Marcos and assist them with a bioassessment at Baron's Creek near Fredericksburg, Texas. I even had the opportunity to explore work with the Coastal Fisheries crew out of Dickinson, Texas, and assist them with bag seines, gulf trawling, and long line surveys.

I am incredibly grateful to have had this opportunity and appreciate the opportunity to build necessary skills and experience to succeed in fisheries. The skills, knowledge, and connections I have built through my time with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have affirmed my interest in this field and desire to pursue a career in fisheries sciences. I am certain that the skills, knowledge, and experience I have honed will help me secure a career in aquatic and natural resource management and help me continue to be a steward of the natural world.

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INTERNSHIP WITH SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

BY FAITH POE, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY



My name is Faith Poe and I am a Junior at Texas State University, and this summer, I had the incredible opportunity to serve as the Michael Gonzales Intern at the San Antonio River Authority (SARA). As a junior at Texas State University, this internship allowed me to gain hands-on experience in environmental science while contributing to SARA's mission: to ensure clean, safe, and enjoyable rivers throughout the basin. Each day of the internship brought something new. My schedule was dynamic and often included biological fieldwork, water quality monitoring, and data processing. Living in San Marcos and commuting to San Antonio at 4:45 a.m. taught me a lot about discipline and time management. While the early mornings were challenging at first, they became easier to manage as I realized the importance of the work I was doing, not just for the environment, but for the communities in all four counties that SARA serves. The aquatic biology team I worked with focused primarily on the "clean" mission. We conducted water quality sampling at various TCEQ-designated monitoring stations across the basin, often under tight time constraints to ensure sample integrity. This process involved deploying a multiparameter sonde to collect field data, measuring stream flow, and retrieving water samples to be processed at SARA's laboratory. During my time in the field, I developed a variety of new skills including seining, benthic macroinvertebrate collection, and using a sonde to measure field parameters. However, my favorite skill was backpack electroshocking, which gave me the chance to observe a wide variety of

fish species in the basin, my favorite of which being the gar. One particularly memorable experience was collecting environmental DNA (eDNA) samples for zebra mussel detection at Victor Braunig Lake. We set out on the boat early in the morning and planned to sample at several designated points. During our very first collection, the net broke while being retrieved from the water. Fortunately, we had brought a backup, allowing us to continue our work with minimal delay. That moment taught me an invaluable field lesson: always bring a backup, even when you're confident your equipment will perform. In addition to routine monitoring work, I had the opportunity to assist with freshwater mussel tagging trials. This included testing different adhesives on mussel shells to see which ones would hold the tags in place for extended amounts of time. I also took part in locating mussels that had been previously placed throughout the basin in 2024 to study the effects of recent flooding on their movement and survival. Another significant aspect of my internship was an independent project I began during my first week. I was introduced to a human dimensions idea focused on gathering data from anglers along the Mission Reach, just south of the River Walk. After researching angler surveys, also known as creel surveys, through resources from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, we began developing a plan to implement a survey in the coming year. The survey will gather information on species caught, length, bait used, and will include an incentive for the largest and most fish caught. Overall, I'm incredibly grateful to the San Antonio River Authority for providing me with the chance to contribute to meaningful environmental work, develop essential field skills, and work alongside professionals who are deeply passionate about protecting and restoring our natural ecosystems. This summer affirmed my commitment to a career in environmental science and conservation, and I look forward to applying everything I've learned in the years ahead.



HUTTON SCHOLARSHIP WITH SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY

BY JONAH RAMOS



During my time with the San Antonio River Authority, one of the projects I took part in was the apple snail removal project. This consisted of going down to the Museum Reach portion of the Riverwalk and scooping apple snail adults and apple snail eggs off the walls of the river. I also took part in the mussel restoration project, in which I monitored the level of turbidity change in tanks with mussels present in comparison to tanks without mussels. Yellow Sandshells, Pistolgrip, Three-Ridge, and Pimpleback mussels were the main four species used and raised by SARA for this project. The end goal is to repopulate the native mussel population in an effort to increase water quality in the San Antonio River and its watershed. One personal project I worked on was a digital catalog using Microsoft Excel to keep track of voucher specimens in storage. I organized them by date collected, sample number, and species contained in the sample jars. Another project using Excel I created was a comprehensive list of every amphibian species found in the San Antonio River Watershed. I used data collected from iNaturalist and exported it into Excel, and from there combed through the data in order to find specifics like native vs nonnative sightings, whether or not a species was threatened, etc. After that I ordered them in a descending list of most sightings to least sightings. This was to shed light on the idea of implementing some sort of amphibian population monitoring to the routine biological surveys. Biological Surveys were the most fun activity for me. We'd measure habitats and check water depth, stream

width, vegetation density and many other factors. We'd also collect fish and count species caught. One of the most exciting moments for me was being able to be in the water and hold a longnose gar in my hands. Gars are one of my favorite species of freshwater fish and getting the opportunity to hold one was such a surreal experience. Luckily I got to do it twice throughout the internship! I think the most important thing I learned was to have more confidence in my capabilities. I had a very supportive group of people working around me who helped me immensely. They never made me feel like I didn't belong and welcomed me with open arms the whole way through. Learning that teamwork is essential to getting good work done was an equally important lesson I learned as well. The Hutton Program has definitely increased my interest in fisheries. Before I started the internship I didn't see myself working in fisheries, but still wanted to participate to serve as good field experience. By the end, I feel that I am very open to the idea of working in that industry, as it encompasses much more than I originally expected.

My mentor was Garrett Tucker, and I had a very positive working relationship with him. He always made sure that I was getting the most experience and knowledge out of the internship, allowing me to pursue my own research and personal projects. He always made sure that I was comfortable and that I never got into a situation where I didn't feel safe. I was able to communicate my boundaries about what I was and wasn't comfortable doing when it came to work due to certain health limitations judgement free. I always felt that I could trust him to keep me safe in whatever situation we were dealing with. I plan on staying in contact with him, to keep him posted on how my career is progressing and to show him all the awesome fish I catch, as he inspired me to start fishing again! While no field trips happened per se, he made time for me to work closely with the fellow biologists in the department so I could have a chance to see what everyone else was working on.

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2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TCAFS ExCom/Officers Meeting Minutes (via Teams) June 13, 2025

Attendees (n = 14):

Steven Bardin, Preston Bean, Alice Best, Greg Cummings, Shaun Donovan, Spencer Dorsey, Anthea Fredrickson, Brad Littrell, Ray Mathews, Zoe Nichols, Jose Perez, Joshua Perkin, Ryan Seymour, Matthew Troia

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by J Perkin at 2:02 pm. Motion by Mathews, Second by Seymour; None opposed; Motion approved.
- Determination of quorum; Yes J Perkin, S Bardin, M Troia, B Littrell are present.
- Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 18th business meeting by R Mathews; second by B Littrell; None opposed; Motion approved.

Executive Committee Reports

- President (J Perkin) – Parent Society sent a reauthorization charter plaque; R Mathews clarified that the Chapter President retains the charter plaque; R Mathews requested a photo of the plaque for the 50-year history document that is in preparation.
- President-Elect (A Best) – Contacted 12-14 hotels about 2026 Chapter meeting; costs are a bit high in the Houston/Galveston area; Will try to host the meeting at a coastal venue, but prohibitive costs may require an inland/central venue. J Perkin offered any assistance with venue selection/planning; P Bean inquired about tentative 2026 Chapter meeting dates; A Best suggested the last two weeks of January or first three weeks of February; J Perkin indicated that there are a few meetings we should try to work around; A Best indicated it is likely that many Chapter members will be affected by federal funding cuts; wants to brainstorm ways to accommodate these members; potentially shared hotel rooms (e.g., sign up sheet to coordinate); Could offer a reduced registration rate, but it is difficult to fairly determine financial need; seeking ideas from all folks.
- Past President (S Bardin) – Nothing new to report
- Secretary Update (M Troia) – Nothing new to report.
- Treasurer Update (B Littrell) – Gained access to all accounts three weeks ago, so now fully able to execute Treasurer responsibilities. Had several deposits since taking over (meeting registration from TPWD \$1,600, \$250 from Parent Society); Paid \$2,500 for tax preparation service; Wrote check for \$4,500 to Parent Society for Hutton scholarship sponsorship; Current checking account balance ~\$22,000.

Committee Reports

- Ad Hoc report (S Donovan) – Planned for 2,000 registrants at San Antonio Parent Society meeting in August, as of today registration count is 777; Apple snail removal and Student/Early Career events are still anticipated to be well-attended. Waiting to hear back from Executive Director (Jeff Kopaska) about a Sunday Tour of SARA; would be good to have a couple of TCAFS ExCom representatives in attendance. A Best asked for clarification on date and time; morning of Sunday August 10th. S Donovan noted that support of Parent Society meeting preparation from the Chapter has been tremendous. R Seymour asked how many TCAFS officers/ExCom members will be in attendance; M Troia, J Perkin, R Seymour.
- Awards (B Silvy) – Not present. M. Troia provided an update from B Silvy's email.
- Continuing Education (B Thornton) – Not present.
- Editorial (P Bean) – Proceedings have been completed for 2025; waiting for work to start on 2026 meeting; Proposed purchasing new easels for poster session at Chapter meeting; need to get an estimate on number needed and per-unit price; will follow up in next ExCom meeting with this estimate.
- Endowments (B Van Zee) – Not present. Sent email with update; J Perkin summarized B Van Zee's emailed report. J Perkin opened discussion; B Littrell indicated that the standard procedure is to transfer \$6,000 after each Chapter meeting from checking account to endowments account; B Van Zee mentioned that this has not been done in past; B Littrell recommends holding off on transferring \$6,000 to endowment; R Seymour asked if a motion is needed; S Bardin clarified it is not needed; A Best recommended discussing this closer to the 2026 meeting.

2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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- History (R Mathews) – Been working on oral history; prepared orally annotated PowerPoint working with R Seymour. Highlighted Kevin Mayes' accomplishments working on instream flows for 35 years at TPWD. R Mathews asked about timeline of nominations for lifetime achievement awards; J Perkin clarified that nominations are accepted any time of the year. R Mathews indicated interest in hearing about progress with pins, shirts for 50th Anniversary. A Best suggested B Silvy might work on this; S Donovan mentioned there are local vendors and he can facilitate; B Littrell pointed out S Bardin's vendor recommendation, needed to update the logo; R Seymour indicated need to track down high resolution logo image; A Best spoke with S Curtis about location of logo on Google Drive; B Littrell volunteered find a vendor and get purchased. J Perkin asked if R Mathews will deliver a presentation at the 2026 Chapter meeting Yes; Mathews agreed that he would and asked how long of a time block for this presentation; A Best indicated that the Editorial Committee will work out details. P Bean indicated that his committee is willing to be flexible with amount of time; could do 40 minutes.
- Internet/Audio Visual (R Seymour) – Will travel to Austin to record oral history by R Mathews. Continuing to make progress on updating the Chapter listserv.
- Social Media (H Kokel) – Not present.
- Issues (S Bardin) – Committee received several requests to address various topics such as the procedure for new laws; possibly could be covered via contributions to the Chapter newsletter; New commitment to education. A Best mentioned sport-fish restoration reauthorization. J Perkin mentioned potential changes to coastal fisheries independent gillnetting data.
- Membership (T Johnson) – Not present.
- Newsletter (M Troia) - Spring newsletter is forthcoming.
- Nominating (G Cummings) – Have two nominees for 2026 President-Elect; Need nominees for 2026 Secretary.
- Pond Management (T Sink) – Not present.
- Publicity and Exhibits (T Fredrickson, Spencer Dorsey) – S Dorsey present and agreed to serve on committee; J Perkin appoints S Dorsey to the committee; S Curtis sent A Fredrickson contact about discounted fly rods.
- Scholarships (J Butler) – Not present.
- Student Outreach (Montaña) – Not present. J Perkin also on Student Outreach Committee but had nothing to report.

Student Subunit Updates

- Tarleton State (L Scribner) – Not present.
- TAMU College Station (Davis Stares) – Not present.
- TAMU Corpus Christi (Kayla Dye, Ben Walther) – Not present.
- Texas Tech (H Adams, Scott Collins) – Not present.
- UNT (Student President) – Not present.
- UT-San Antonio (I Silva) – J Perez noted elections; plans for more outreach/professional development.
- UT-Tyler – Not present.

Old Business

- Excom vote to awards categories; A Best raised question about Sportsman's Club of Fort Worth Sportsman having requirements for scholarships that are potentially not aligned with new categories proposed by B Silvy. J Perkin acknowledged and recommended tabling ExCom vote for now.

New Business

- Hutton Scholar update: R Seymour indicated that the Chapter was able to fund a scholar who was placed at a Texas-based river authority. S Donovan indicated SARA is hosting two Hutton Scholars, one funded by TCAFS, one by SARA. B Littrell thanked R Seymour and SARA for their commitment to Hutton program.

Call to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by R Mathews, second by A Best; none opposed.; Adjourn at 3:03 pm.

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TEXAS CHAPTER AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY PURPOSE AND GOALS

The general purposes and responsibilities of the Texas Chapter are as follows:

1. Support AFS Parent Society objectives. Specifically:
 - A. Promote the conservation, development, and wise use of the fisheries;
 - B. Promote and evaluate the development and advancement of all branches of fisheries science and practice;
 - C. Gather and disseminate to Society members and the general public scientific, technical, and other information about fisheries science and practice through publications, meetings, and other forms of communication; and
 - D. Encourage the teaching of fisheries science and practice in colleges and universities and the continuing education and development of fisheries professionals.
2. As the smallest geographically defined unit recognized as being operationally independent in the Society's Constitution, a Chapter shares the purposes of the Society but is intended to advance the Society's objectives over a more localized area than the Divisions, in this case, within the state of Texas.
3. The Texas Chapter generally provides for interaction among professionals within Texas. The Texas Chapter is a unit of the Southern Division.
4. Facilitate communication among members (by newsletters and other means) regarding fisheries science issues and the conduct of the fisheries profession within the Chapter's region.
5. Hold meetings, publish works, and perform other activities on a technical and semi-technical level that advance the status and performance of the fisheries profession within the Chapter's region.
6. Determine the views of members relative to professional topics affecting their performance, for example, by conducting surveys and considering resolutions.
7. Present the views of Chapter members to the Division membership, the AFS membership, and to the general public and government agencies within the Chapter's boundaries.
8. Hold annual meetings at which all Bylaw responsibilities are carried out.
9. Serve as technical and professional advisors to government agencies within the Chapter's region.
10. Promote the fisheries profession within the Chapter's boundaries through active and positive relations with journalists, government officials, special interest groups, other professional organizations, and the general public.
11. Promote proper use of aquatic resources by initiating and participating in special projects that increase public awareness, expand participation, improve habitat, and protect fragile resources.

A message from the newsletter team:

If you have ideas for stories or photographs from the field you would like to share please email Matt Troia (troiamj@gmail.com). We can help develop and write stories, so please reach out, even if the idea is not completed yet.

TCAFS

The Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is committed to the conservation, development, and wise utilization of recreational and commercial fisheries, the promotion of all branches of fisheries science and practice, and the exchange and dissemination of knowledge about fish, fisheries, and related subjects.

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