

Joint Session of the Fisheries Administration and Fisheries Management Section



Mark Porath called the meeting to order on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 14:30 in Portland, Oregon.

Mark Porath started the meeting by welcoming everyone and then introduced Doug Austen. Doug Austen (Executive Director) provided much information about the happenings of AFS particularly as it relates to cooperative agreements and interactions with partners. Doug Austen suggested that he and Tom Bigford have been working on cooperative agreements with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In meeting or visiting with the leadership of the abovementioned group of folks. David Hoskins (group participant) suggested that the group should put together the status of the nation's inland fisheries. The project would be based on fishes and associated habitats very similar to other documents developed by wildlife counterparts. This report would be used take to congressional leadership that provides the information on the key threats to our nations fisheries. This project has been presented in Washington DC and was well received-administration is very interested in the next steps moving forward

Paul Colson was then introduced by Mark Porath. He discussed many projects that were being conducted in the Institute of Fishery Management. He talked about getting more people involved in their society which included workshops and reaching out to anyone that appreciated fish...not just fisheries professionals. They are also discussed the getting more young people (young students/scientists) involved –they offer special memberships to those individuals to increase awareness and participation. He discussed personal fisheries certification (i.e., training) which is a multi-tiered process that includes indoor instruction, outdoor field sampling, and then testing. He compared these courses they conduct within the IFM to undergraduate courses that we (Fisheries management section) all are very familiar with. They are planning to put additional training opportunities for IFM.

Quinton Phelps (Young Professional Committee Chair) then provided the results of the survey that was completed by Martin Hamel and Landon with Mark Porath mentoring them through the process. Quinton provided the background He discussed the potential issues associated with “young” people continuing membership into AFS. Therefore, we conducted a survey intended to identify potential bottlenecks to YP recruitment and member retention. Basically, we wanted to get a good sample of non AFS members so distributed through the local chapters, divisions, social media (casting a broad net). Quinton explained the responses were parsed out into AFS members and non-AFS members. Over the course of ~90d there were 625 survey respondents representing all 50 states. In addition, there were 12 respondents outside the states. Majority of respondents were AFS members (74%) that were composed of professionals (41%), YPs (19%), and students (14%). Quinton then provided the results of the survey (full report available at - [fms.fisheries.org/young-professional-committee/](https://fms.fisheries.org/young-professional-committee/)). Quinton

concluded by suggesting that we have garnered some pretty interesting information from our survey. We would like to continue working on this in the future..so any additional thoughts are welcome. Thank you to all the folks that participated in our survey. That concluded the joint section of the Fisheries Management Section and Fisheries Administration Section.

### **Fisheries Management Section**

Mark Porath then started the meeting by introducing the executive committee Mark Porath, Quinton Phelps, Randy Schultz, Jeff Koch, Mike Colvin, Brian Graeb, and Jason Olive and then also thanked the entire hall of excellence inductees for all their work in the fisheries management section. Mark spoke briefly about the young-professional committee, governing board committee, and the freshwater fisheries summit.

Quinton Phelps asked the section if there were any comments on the previous years (i.e., 2014 meeting)- the section did not have any comments and Dirk Miller approved the minutes.

Mark Porath then suggested that Quinton Phelps should provide the financial report. Quinton then provided the financial report and suggested that the transactions were similar to previous years and that we were in good shape (economically).

Mark Porath then provided information on behalf of Geno Adams the newsletter editor. Geno was not able to attend. Geno wanted all the section to make sure that we send in articles- the more the merrier. As it relates to our website, Travis was not able to attend the section meeting either- but he wanted to report we have transitioned over from the historic southern division of AFS website to the AFS website with huge help from Sarah Gilbert Fox. Travis is looking to step down as the website manager for the section.

Quinton Phelps then provided a presentation on the young professional committee. Quinton first described the charge of the group. Our group formed during 2012 FMS business meeting in Minneapolis/St. Paul to determine how the subsection can increase awareness and involvement of FMS to young professionals and students. This concern was raised because of the reductions in numbers of “young” people continuing membership Potential growing disconnect between upcoming fisheries students and their knowledge of different fish management techniques used around the world. In some cases, students that do not gain hands on experience during their university educational training, have more difficulties coming “up to speed” once they are employed as a FMB. These thoughts are shared by our international counterparts (Institute of Fisheries Management). The young professional committee has two primary projects. 1. Hall of Excellence and 2. AFS Survey. Quinton then went through a power point presentation that addressed those two projects. The hall of excellence project is a huge need for our section and for AFS to capture information from leaders within our organization. We have completed 13 video interviews of HOE inductees. We still need to complete 21 more. We have six on the docket to finish up

soon. As it relates to the survey project, Quinton then provided the results of the survey (full report available at - [fms.fisheries.org/young-professional-committee/](http://fms.fisheries.org/young-professional-committee/)). Quinton concluded by suggesting that we have garnered some pretty interesting information from our survey and please contact Hilary, Marty, or Quinton if you have any comments or questions.

Randy Schultz then presented the following FMS Awards. Stan Moberly was presented the Award of Excellence. The FMS Conservation Achievement Award was presented to the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust. David Philipp accepted the award on behalf of the trust. The Hall of Excellence received two new inductees Gil Radonski and Steve Miranda.

Scott Bonar provided an update on the international standard sampling symposium- 280 people from 102 different organizations have participated. The symposium will be held at the Portland meeting. This project has been very successful. The standard sampling book and online tool provides methods for collecting standardized data and means for comparisons. Although this has received much attention in North America, other locations throughout the world are now becoming involved. The symposium is intended to expand the scope of this discussion to our international peers. This has really developed traction and there will be a symposium in Portland.

Tom Lang then provided an update on the angling participation which is a collaboration among the Fisheries Management Section, Fisheries Administration Section, Socioeconomic section. The purpose is to synthesize information garnered from a symposium to help us (fisheries scientists) better understand of our constituents. This symposium will be held at Kansas City in August 2016.

Quinton Phelps then provided a briefing on the Yangtze-Mississippi Symposium. Quinton suggested that he will be attending the meeting in October 2016 and will report it on next year in Kansas City.

Brian Graeb and Carl Schreck then provided brief information on EIFAAC Symposium, in Lillehammer, Norway. A few folks from the US provided presentations. They did not want an overabundance of US speakers

Membership changing the young professional category from three years to 5 years. Young professional exchange program offered the award to Rebecca Krogman- the award was \$2,500. Rebecca will provide updates from her trip.

Quinton Phelps then asked the section for \$1,200.00 for additional work for the young-professional committee- Jeff Boxrucker approved the request and Hal Schramm seconded the motion. Jeff Boxrucker suggested that up to another \$1,000 dollars should be added to the request. Passed by unanimous consent. The Hutton Project was discussed by Beverly Pike and asked for \$2,000.00 which would go to supporting the program. The request passed unanimously.