

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT SECTION

American Fisheries Society



Fisheries Management Section

The Fisheries Management Section (FMS) is composed of members who wish to develop and apply effective management concepts or techniques as well as programs in education and information to solve fisheries management problems. The FMS promotes the exchange of fisheries management information and applied research results among professionals, students, user groups, resource management agencies and the general public who share a common concern or interest in fish and the habitats which support them. The FMS sponsors workshops, symposia, topical sessions at professional meetings and special projects to critically examine fishery management issues and offer alternative solutions for management problems. Membership in the FMS provides a credible voice for a wide range of fishery management issues. The FMS continues to be actively involved with legislative initiatives as well as

governmental and private-sector activities which affect the quality and extent of all fisheries. The selection of activities for FMS involvement results from individual member initiative.

Objectives and Purpose

The purpose of the Fisheries Management Section is to promote effective fisheries management by:

- Developing and maintaining an association of persons interested and involved in fisheries management and development.
- Promoting sound fisheries management practices and developing new management concepts and techniques.
- Encouraging professional growth among FMS members and others interested in fisheries management and growth of the fishery management profession by holding meetings and sponsoring workshops, symposia and publications to disseminate information relating to all aspects of fishery management.
- Encouraging publication of case histories, policy analysis and evaluation of management programs.
- Promoting communication between fishery managers and researchers, employers, educators, legislators and the public.



- Providing a forum for identifying, focusing attention on and resolving issues and problems relating to fisheries management.

Workshops, Symposia, Special Sessions and Section Involvement

The Fisheries Management Section has directed considerable resources toward the development of workshops, symposia and special sessions at professional meetings. A diverse array of topics have been addressed, reflecting the broad range of interests held by FMS members. Recent initiatives have addressed such topics as: the role of fish culture in fisheries management, urban fishing, trout stream habitat improvement, computer applications, fish marking techniques, introduction of exotics, competitive fishing, fish sampling and data analysis techniques, crappie management, biodiversity and using sociological analysis to improve fisheries management.

The Section is also currently involved in programs on a continental and worldwide basis dealing with such subjects as stocking hatchery-raised fish and non-native species, fisheries field techniques and procedures, stream habitat improvement, riparian management as related to livestock grazing and other land use activities, the publication of fishery management textbooks, recreational fisheries economic valuation, fisheries educational material development, and expert testimony concerning fishery issues to policy making entities.

The FMS provides counsel, key contact persons and assistance to the American Fisheries Society (AFS) in the development of Society policy statements, national

fishery policy, national and regional resolutions dealing with fisheries issues, and legislation such as Wallop-Breaux, wetlands, regulatory agency goals, large rivers, mining and livestock grazing. The FMS also cooperates with other AFS sub-units and professional societies with similar interests or concerns in fisheries management.

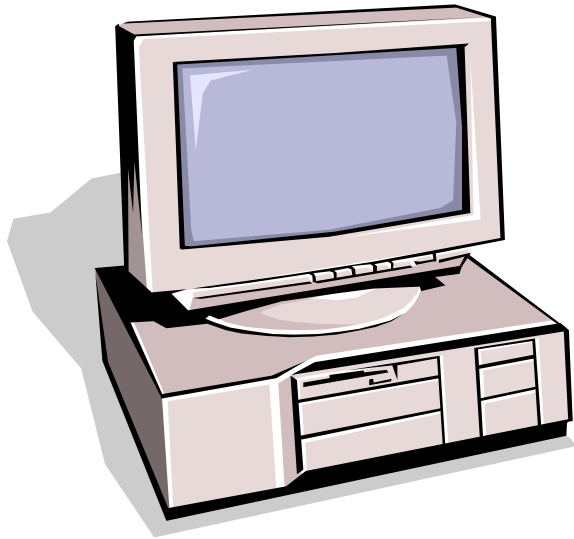


The FMS Newsletter

The FMS Newsletter is the Section's primary means of communication. The newsletter is intended to communicate the professional activities and views of the FMS membership. The newsletter is typically published three times a year and distributed to all FMS members. It provides information on FMS activities, fisheries management issues, updates on FMS projects, articles and editorials, letters and project updates from FMS members, feature articles concerning specific management topics, relevant Society news, minutes of the Section's annual business meeting, regional news from the four divisions, announcements of symposia and workshops, publications of interest, advertisements of products and services, and much more. The newsletter staff includes an Editor and four regional editors representing each of the Society's Divisions.

Organization

The Fisheries Management Section, established in 1981, is the largest specialty section within the American Fisheries Society. Membership in the Section has averaged about 1,000 in recent years. It is an officially sanctioned section with voting membership on the Society's Executive Committee (EXCOM). The FMS is led by seven elected officers (President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and four Division representatives) who serve two-year terms. The Past-President also serves



on the Executive Committee of the Section. Officers of the FMS work closely with other EXCOM members of the Society on issues of common interest. The Section's annual business meeting is held at the annual meeting of the parent Society. All FMS members have voting privileges during the election of Section officers and members in attendance at the annual business meeting vote on motions and actions taken at that meeting. The Section's activities evolve with the issues affecting fisheries management and aquatic habitat.

An Invitation To Membership

All AFS members are eligible for membership in the Fisheries Management Section. Annual dues for Section membership are modest and include a subscription to the FMS newsletter. AFS members who wish to join the FMS should check the appropriate box for Section dues on their annual membership renewal form or contact the Society's membership staff person at this address:

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Get involved – Be a leader!

Join the Fisheries Management Section of the American Fisheries Society

Let's do something for the fish and let the FMS do something for you!