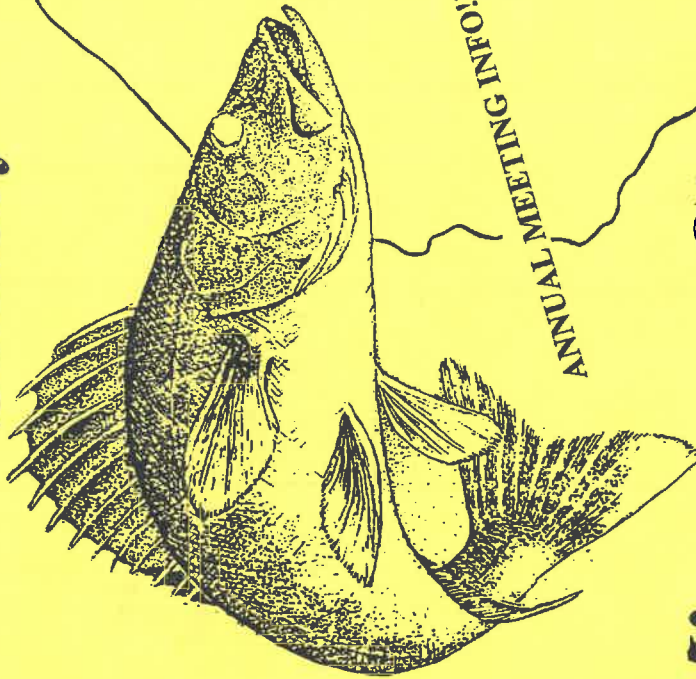


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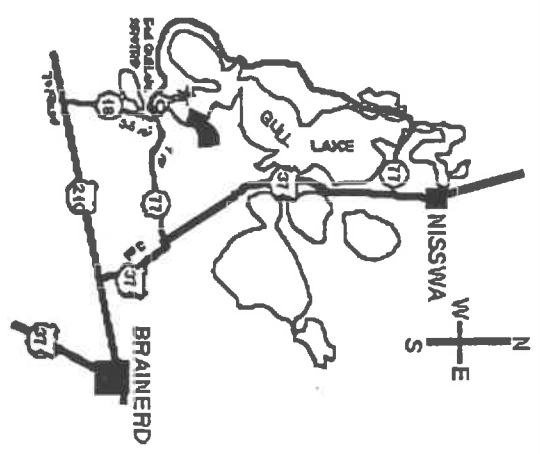
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LODGING RESERVATION FORM

**Gaining
the
Middle Ground**

Wednesday, January 31,
to
Friday, February 2, 1996

At

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Conference Center

2001 Pine Beach Road West
Gull Lake • Brainerd, MN 56401

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 31, 1996

11:00 - 1:00 Registration
 11:30 - 12:30 Lunch
 1:00 - 1:10 Opening Remarks

Plenary Session: *Gaining the Middle Ground: Broadening Our Base of Support*
 Moderator: Jack Mooty

Keynote Address:

1:15 - 1:45 *Integration of Resource Management Planning* Michael Swan, White Earth Indian Reservation

Aquatic Ecosystems:

1:45 - 2:05 Alden Lind, Citizen Advocate
 2:15 - 2:35 Patrick Moore, Minnesota River Project

2:40 - 3:00 Break

Forest Ecosystems:

3:00 - 3:20 Mike Biltonen, Minnesota Ecosystem Recovery Project
 3:30 - 3:50 Jeff Latzka, Citizen Advocate

Wildlife Issues:

4:00 - 4:20 Don Arnosti, Audubon Council
 4:30 - 4:50 TBA

6:30 - 8:00 Dinner

7:00 - 10:00 Governing Boards Meetings

8:00 - 10:00 No Host Mixer

Thursday, February 1, 1996

7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast
 7:30 - 8:00 Late Registration

Session I: *Old Growth and Extended Rotation Forestry* Moderator: Robin Vora

8:00 - 8:05 Housekeeping

8:05 - 8:15 Introduction by Robin Vora

8:15 - 8:35 *Defining and evaluating old growth* K. Rusterholz

8:35 - 8:45 *Old forest in Lake States, today and before European settlement* TBA

8:45 - 9:05 *Old growth on the Chippewa National Forest: yesterday and today* K. Cable, J. Almendinger, S. Ludwig

9:05 - 9:25 *The lack of biological legacies in successive old growth pine stands.* J. Pastor

9:25 - 9:45 *Dynamics of coarse woody debris.* C. Hale

9:45 - 10:05 *Principles of integrating old growth into managed landscapes.* R. Vora

10:05 - 10:25 Break

10:25 - 10:35 *Old growth management on state lands in Minnesota.* K. Rusterholz.

10:35 - 10:55 *Wisconsin DNR consideration of old growth definitions and management approaches.* J. Kovack and the WDNR Silvicultural Committee.

10:55 - 11:05 *Ontario's approach to old growth management.* Summarized by R. Vora

11:05 - 11:25 *Current old growth and restoring old growth in Itasca State Park.* B. Marty

11:25 - 11:45 *Managing stands for old growth characteristics on the Ottawa National Forest, Michigan.* R. Johnson.

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:20 *Contiguous forest management in northern hardwoods, example of a partnership.* J. Hines, M. Jacobs, T. Fastland

1:20 - 2:00 *Extended Rotation Forestry Panel.* C. Spoden, MNDNR; T. O'Hara, MN Forest Industries; J. Green, MN Ornithologists' Union

2:00 Open Discussion

Session II: *Alternative Silviculture*
 Moderator: Mel Baughman

8:00 - 8:05 Housekeeping

8:05 - 8:25 *Examples of alternative silviculture in the Lake States region.* J. Rollinger

8:25 - 8:55 *Survey of advanced regeneration of planted white pine.* M. Smidt, K. Prettmann

8:55 - 9:15 *Relating reforestation investments to nontimber values.* H. Hoganson

9:15 - 9:35 *Affects of mechanical strip-thinning of aspen on wildlife.* D. Christian

9:35 - 10:00 Break

Session III: *Implementation of the GEIS on Forest Management in Minnesota: Directions and Progress*
 Moderator: Karen Noyce
 10:00 - 11:50

Part I: *Update on Formal Implementation Process*
 Panelists: *The Minnesota Sustainable Forest Resources Act*, M. Kilgore, MNDNR; *Minnesota Forest Resources Council*, P. Ellefson, UMN; *Minnesota Forest Resource Partnership*, J. Rajala, Rajala Companies

Part II: *Other Perspectives - Is anything new in the woods?* Panelists: D. Zumeta, MNDNR; J. Vogel, St. Louis County Land Commissioner; D. Thom, Superior National Forest District Ranger; D. Christian, UMN; D. Arnosti, MN Audubon Council; R. Nelson, MNDNR Private Forest Management Program Forester; TBA, Forest Products Industry.

Session IV: *Ecosystem Management Case Studies*
 Moderator: Mike Carroll

10:00 - 10:20 *Ecosystem management: a case study of the Big Sandy area lakes watershed project.* C. Freiburger, M. Hove

10:20 - 10:40 *Habitat restoration of degraded trout streams in southeast Minnesota.* W. Thorn, C. Anderson, J. Wagner, D. Bushong, B. Lorenzon

10:40 - 11:00 *Impacts of management intensive grazing on streams in southeastern Minnesota: project background, water chemistry and physical habitat.* K. Mumford, L. Sovell, B. Vondracek

11:00 - 11:20 *Impacts of management intensive grazing on streams in southeastern Minnesota: fish and benthic macroinvertebrate communities.* L. Sovell, K. Mumford, B. Vondracek

11:20 - 11:40 *Effects of vegetation removal on fish community structure and predator-prey relations in two Minnesota lakes.* S. Pothoven, B. Vondracek, D. Peretra

11:40 - 1:00 Lunch Break

1:00 - 1:20 *Overview of Cannon River watershed partnership.* A. Mosler

1:20 - 1:40 *Big Woods project: implementing a landscape ecosystem project.* D. Peterson

1:40 - 2:00 *The Goblin fern: a trail to ecosystem management.* J. Casson

2:00 - 2:20 *Landscape/ecosystem management for northern Minnesota-Ontario peatlands ecoregion.* B. Kernohan

2:20 - 2:40 Break

2:40 - 3:00 *Itasca County's Figure Eight Lake area management plan.* B. Scheierl

3:00 - 3:20 *Wilderness fire management/ ecosystem restoration and the role of fire in the BWCA.* P. Tine

3:20 - 3:40 *Prescribed fire for hazard reduction and pine regeneration in the southern boreal transition forest.* S. Jakala

Session V: *Fish Potpourri*
 Moderator: Virginia Snarski

8:00 - 8:05 Housekeeping

8:05 - 8:25 *Steelhead management in Minnesota: what path do we take?* D. Schreiner, T. Jones

8:25 - 8:45 *Where do salmon go when they die?* J. Schmidt, A. Hershey

8:45 - 9:05 *Diel spawning activity of brook and brown trout in Valley Creek, MN.* G. Grant

9:05 - 9:25 *Trends in special regulations in the United States.* S. Quinn

9:25 - 9:45 *An individual-based simulation model to investigate the effects of stocking on walleye populations.* J. Li, Y. Cohen, I. Adelman

9:45 - 1:00 Extended Break

1:00 - 1:20 *Fish assemblages of wing dikes, woody snags and bare shorelines in Pool Six, upper Mississippi River.* N. Mundahl, R. Lehtinen, J. Madejczyk

1:20 - 1:40 *Spatial changes in the distribution and abundance of ruffe and native fishes in the St. Louis River estuary, 1989-94.* A. Edwards, J. Selgeby

1:40 - 2:20 *Defining fisheries education for youth - let's not reinvent the wheel.* L. Erikson-Eastwood

2:20 - 2:40 *Environmental influences on bile acid release and degradation suggest these cues function as signals for migration in adult sea lamprey.* C. Markee, J. Olson, P. Sorensen.

2:40 - 3:00 Break

3:00 - 3:20 *Variables effecting growth of white suckers in natural ponds.* P. Tucker, C. Richards, J. Ringle

3:20 - 3:40 *Is predation by sunfish a source of mortality for the Eurasian watermilfoil biocontrol agent (*Euhrychiopsis lecontei*)?* T. Sutter, R. Newman

3:40 - 4:00 *A comparison of bluegill cuckoldry rates and growth between lakes with different fishing intensities.* M. Drake, J. Claussen, D. Pereira

4:30 - 6:30 Society Business Meetings

7:00 - 10:00 Banquet
 Major Awards and Raffle Prizes will be Presented

Friday, February 2, 1996

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
Session VI: Biodiversity/Genetic Diversity	
Moderator: George Spangler	
8:00 - 8:05	Housekeeping
8:05 - 8:40	<i>An ecosystem approach for the conservation of biological diversity.</i> K. Wendt
8:40 - 9:00	<i>Minnesota's environmental indicators initiative.</i> P. Pajak
9:00 - 9:20	<i>Revising Minnesota's list of endangered, threatened, and special concern species: an update.</i> R. Baker
9:20 - 9:40	<i>Subregional variation in the Index of Biotic Integrity: effects of geological and landuse landscape features.</i> R. Haro, C. Richards
9:40 - 10:00	Break
10:00 - 10:35	<i>Minnesota's white pines: our vanishing heritage.</i> L. Rogers
10:35 - 10:55	<i>Effects of forest site preparation with herbicides on plant diversity.</i> T. Nichols, E. Sucoff
10:55 - 11:15	<i>Performance standards for genetically modified fish and shellfish: a tool for ecological risk assessment and management.</i> A. Kapuscinski
11:15 - 11:35	<i>Population structure of northern pike in Kabetogama and Namakan Lakes.</i> W. Senanan, L. Miller, A. Kapuscinski

11:35 - 11:55 *Genetic effective population size of a northern pike population.* L. Miller, A. Kapuscinski

Session VII: Landscape Level Planning Moderator: Janet Boe

8:00 - 8:05	Housekeeping
8:05 - 8:45	<i>Ecological modeling at forest and landscape scales.</i> G. Host, J. Pastor
8:45 - 9:15	<i>Application of the ecoregion concept in Minnesota.</i> S. Heiskary
9:15 - 9:35	<i>How I classified Wisconsin lakes and learned to love Schupp's lake typology.</i> D. Potter, M. Bozek, R. Frie
9:35 - 9:55	<i>The need for integration of relevant conceptual frameworks into a landscape perspective for lotic fishes.</i> I. Schlosser
9:55 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 10:40	<i>A modified approach to an ecological classification system for MNDNR.</i> D. Hanson
10:40 - 11:00	<i>Methods for developing spatially sensitive management plans.</i> H. Hoganson
11:00 - 11:20	<i>From downed logs to landscapes: wildlife management at multiple scales.</i> J. Green
11:20 - 11:40	<i>Studies of bird populations on a large scale.</i> J. Neimi
12:00	Lunch

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DRAFT MINUTES OF MINNESOTA AFS CHAPTER EXCOM
October 3, 1995
Duluth, MN

Meeting Called to order by president Carl Richards at 10:15 a.m.

Approval Of Minutes: Henry passed out minutes from the May 1 EXCOM meeting. After brief review and suggested inclusion of new student representative's, Jerry Grant, last name a motion was made to approve minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Henry VanOffelen
The current checking account balance was \$3,948.49. The books were transferred in early June. at which time \$10,000 was deposited into a 7 month Certificate of Deposit at 6.04% APR. This was a no penalty CD that will be due in early February and will earn the chapter over \$300. Henry will be putting all financial records on computer so that it is easier to track expenditures over time. After the report, there was some discussion of unresolved balance questions from the last meeting. These had not been resolved. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve of the treasurer's report.

Chapter Meeting Plans: Larry met in July with representative of the wildlife society and society of American Foresters. The joint meeting will be held at Cragun's February. A \$3,000 maximum was decided upon for invited speaker costs. The registration fee has been tentatively set at \$25. Three lodging/meal packages will be offered. Cragun's will send registration materials to all members prior to meeting. Jeff will need to get them the membership list. A tentative program for the meeting will be included in the December newsletter in order to get people interested prior to the meeting. For the first time, pre-registration materials will also be sent with the December newsletter so that we can get a better handle on attendance and lodging and meal plan needs. Suggestions are still needed for invited speakers to attend the plenary session. No definite theme had been decided upon however, ecosystem based management seemed to be the probable topic. Several related specific topics were put forth including the importance of biodiversity/genetic diversity. at the end of this discussion there was some concerns expressed about the cost of registration for chapter meetings. Several people were concerned that the \$25 registration fee would

prevent many DNR folks from attending. A suggestion was made to have a one day registration fee of perhaps \$10 to try and encourage people to attend that may not if the fee is \$25 Much discussion followed this suggestion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Continuing Education: Mark Hove & Deserae Bushong

Income exceeded expenses for the Genetics workshop by \$429. The community dynamics workshop that was in preliminary stages of planning has been cancelled because the instructor could not conduct the workshop. A human dimensions workshop is being planned for mid-February. Bob Ditton has been contacted to give this workshop. Meeting attendants were asked to highlight topics from a previous workshop that they felt were important for Minnesota.

Awards: Bruce Vondracek

No nominations have been received this year. Members are still encouraged to nominate someone for the Award of Excellence. One chapter member has been nominated for the NCD Award of Excellence. After some discussion it was decided to also nominate that member for the chapter award. There was also discussion of whether the chapter awards chairperson should also be the automatic delegate to the NCD awards board. It was decided that future chapter awards chair would be our delegate to the NCD.

The NCD travel grant program was reviewed and there was a discussion of how we would nominate students in the future. This year it was decided to nominate Loren Miller ('94 best student paper). Bruce will work with Jerry and other students to develop a standard set of criteria for annually nominating a student for an NCD travel grant.

Long Range Planning: Tracy Close

Nothing reported

Membership: Jeff Reed (absent)

Jeff sent along a written report.

Newsletter: Chris Freiburger (absent)

No report.

Nominations: Rod Pierce

Due to the newsletter distribution date, no nominations had been received. Suggestions were solicited for all EXCOM positions. Suggestions are particularly needed for the president position and the federal, state, academic, and open positions. Several names were suggested. There was also talk of changing the rotation of the presidents position so that in alternate years state representatives are nominated and in the other years federal, academic, or open category members are nominated. This idea was supported at the meeting and Rod will formally propose to change this policy at the annual business meeting. Larry Schwarzkopf brought up the idea that we have a tribal representative in addition or instead of an open category. After some discussion it appeared that most people were satisfied with the way the current open category is handled.

Procedural Manual: Greg Busacker (absent)

Greg relayed to Carl that he now has a copy of the manual on Word Perfect.

Public Awareness: Steve Quinn

The video has been seen running. The committee will contact station to quantify its use prior to the annual meeting. A number of people at the meeting had seen the video or heard of others that had seen it. The question was raised as to whether or not we want to produce another video on a specific topic such as wetlands or special regulations. The general sentiment was that Steve should look into doing another video with a focus on the importance of wetlands to fisheries. In further discussions it was recommended that Steve get some estimates for contracting the video to a private firm or university so that the video is put together in a definite time period. The last video was put together by In-Fisherman staffers as time permitted.

Resolutions: Dean Beck (absent)

Dean forwarded two resolutions to the EXCOM for review. After considerable discussion about wording, intent, and value of these resolutions it was decided to table them until Carl could get more specifics about several points.

Rivers and Streams: Paul Glander

Nothing to report

Students: Jerry Grant

Jerry introduced himself and indicated that students would be working with Bruce on the abstracts and on soliciting raffle prizes.

Finance: Henry VanOffelen

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS**North Shore Steelhead Plan News Release: Tracy Close/ Carl Richards**

The press release printed in the recent newsletter was mailed to a list of Minnesota news agencies obtained from DNR I&E. The news release was printed in several newspapers including the Star Tribune. Carl received several follow up calls in response to the release including talking with a Duluth radio station and MPR. The Lake Superior Steelheaders Association also called to find out who AFS was. The news release was considered worthwhile and getting a wetlands issues news release was set as a priority.

Straight River: Henry VanOffelen

A temporary permit has been issued to RDO for their potato plant in Park Rapids. Henry expressed his regret in not being able to attend the last EXCOM and better present his case for issuing a resolution. After some discussion of the status of the Straight River and the types of actions that MN AFS should take in these types of situations Henry suggested that he would talk with Dean Beck to map out the process/set guidelines for the resolution process. Carl had received a call from Trout Unlimited thanking us for the letter we sent in support of their efforts. There is still a need for a more generic chapter policy statement that addresses the "cumulative effects" aspects of projects so that when local issues come up the chapter can express its concerns and refer to the policy statement. Henry and Paul Glander will work on this document before the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**Steve Boe Letter: Carl Richards**

There was much discussion about the Chapter's role when members voice concerns about instances where they feel professional conduct has been breached by other members of the AFS. There was general agreement that it was not the role of the chapter to get involved with the specific details or to make judgments on conduct. However, it was agreed that the chapter should develop a set of ethical guidelines for its members. A committee of Jay and Dennis will look into developing a set of ethical guidelines

for the chapter after reviewing parent society materials.

Outdoor Writers Association of America: Carl Richards

Kristin Merriman of the Parent Society sent a memo to Carl to inform the chapter of an opportunity to host a hospitality room at the 1996 Outdoor Writers Association of America conference in Duluth next June. The content of her memo was discussed and there was interest in hosting a room. Carl will check back with her to explore possible ways to help fund the room.

News Releases: Carl Richards

The general consensus seemed to be that news releases are a good way to voice the Chapters concerns and raise awareness of certain issues such as the steelhead plan. Carl would like to get two more news releases out before the annual meeting. Suggestion were to complete one on wetlands and their importance to fisheries and perhaps to get one out on Instream Flow. Chantel was interested in putting one out that highlights the idea that natural perturbations on aquatic habitats such as the recent windstorm event in northern Minnesota may benefit aquatic communities.

Fisheries Abstracts: Bruce Vondracek

Bruce will be meeting again with students to form a committee to lead this effort. The objective of the abstract will be to provide a readily accessible database of information about current projects, interests, and expertise of fisheries professionals throughout Minnesota. The abstracts would need to be updated annually. The chapter would need to provide some seed money to cover publication costs. More information will be available at the annual meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Parent Society Meeting: Carl Richards

It was hot in Tampa. Carl was impressed by the organized structure of the AFS particularly after attending a session on the FAN network. In spring 1997, the parent society will focus on issues related to fisheries and sediment.

DNR: Dennis Anderson

Fisheries is undergoing a program review process. Budget forecasts don't look promising particularly if an license fee increase is not approved.

Federal: Chantel Cook

The congress has passed new salvage logging regulations. Changes include limiting that limit the public comment process and prohibit appeals. The budget situation is not good either. Increases were seen in grazing and timber management portions while resource portions of the budget look as if they will be reduced.

Open: Larry Schwarzkopf

Grand Portage is actively working on coaster brook trout project. John Ringle is still interested in issues related to exotics. Fondu Lac will host the annual meeting of Native American . . .

Other:

There was a long discussion of the costs of the annual meeting. Several people thought that the costs of the annual meeting was getting to be too high for most members. Several ideas including "buying" down the cost of registration were suggested but no clear resolution/direction came out of the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Henry VanOffelen
Approval pending at next EXCOM meeting.

'96 RAFFLE UPDATE

Once again we plan to have a nice selection of items for fundraising at the annual meeting. Big ticket items to watch for include: a Fish Trap fish house, a Clearwater Classic II ice system and a custom made Loomis fly rod. An assortment of prints and other items are also expected. If you have additional ideas or want to donate prizes, please contact Jerry Grant or Henry VanOffelen

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ODDS & ENDS

COMMITTEE CHAIR CHANGES

Brad Parsons has replaced Greg Busacker as the Chair of the Procedural Manual Committee. Please direct requests for manuals or changes to Brad at (612) 634-4573. Greg has been Chair of this committee since its inception in 1991. He thanks all who have contributed to the manual and is now focusing his attention being editor of the NCD newsletter *Mainstream*.

We would like to thank Greg for sharing his time and attributes with the Minnesota AFS Chapter and we wish you well as editor. Thank you!

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Public Awareness and Education Committee, in cooperation with the President Carl Richards, has begun plans to produce a brochure about the chapter. If you have samples from other states or ideas on content, please send to Steve Quinn. The chapter has also begun plans for a Press Event and Hospitality Suite at the 1996 annual meeting of the Outdoor Writers Association of America (O.W.A.A.). This group includes the foremost outdoor journalists in the United States and we can certainly make some personal contacts and inform these writers about some important areas. Parent society President Jack Wingate and other V.I.P.'s will also be on hand. Plans call for the brochure to be done for this meeting that will take place in Duluth on June 16th to 20th. We'll need members to come and discuss issues with outdoor writers. Mark your calendars for this important opportunity to get your message to the masses. Steve Quinn.

STUDENT COMMITTEE

Lynn Mizner Maher, Chapter member and graduate student at the University of Minnesota, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, has been awarded a Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship by the National Sea Grant College Program. After a hectic week of interviews and orientation in Washington D.C., Lynn obtained a placement in the National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources. During the coming year Lynn will be working on policy related to Native People's reserved fishing and harvesting rights and their interactions with the Endangered Species and Marine Mammal Protection Acts.

FISHERIES ACTION NETWORK

In an attempt to be proactive, the Chapter put out a news release on the benefits of wetlands to fish and fishing. The release was based on the wetlands position statement approved at the 1994 annual meeting. Wetlands and the Wetlands Conservation Act of 1991 will certainly be one of the hottest topics in the 1996 Legislative Session. We need to be very diligent on our watch as there will surely be an attempt to gut the spirit of the law, i.e. protecting Minnesota's remaining wetlands. The importance of this law may become even greater if the prevailing sentiment in Washington remains; it may be the only thing to protect many wetlands. The D.N.R. is officially supporting the "compromise" bill the Board of Water and Soil Resources has put forth. Be prepared to contact your elected officials to express your concern over the protection of wetlands! Jeff Reed.

A.F.S. 2000

Trap and gill nets, D.O. meters, computers, boats and outboards. They are all "tools of the trade" for the fisheries professional. Yet, have you been working on a thesis or final report lately? If you have, you undoubtedly used *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society* or *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* for references. Have you ever used *Fisheries Techniques*? (There likely isn't a fisheries person that hasn't!) A.F.S. publications are also important tools that allow us, as fisheries professionals to do our jobs better. One of the goals of A.F.S. 2000 is to develop an endowment fund to ensure that future A.F.S. publications are even more useful to fisheries professionals. It is hoped that the endowment will allow A.F.S. to publish materials that are even more timely than they are already. It will also allow us to publish material without having to seek external funding. Let's face it, no fisheries book is ever going to be a best-seller, therefore they cost more. Without external funding the cost of publication is usually prohibitive. With your help, we can keep those costs down however. Those of you who are A.F.S. members should have received a request for a financial pledge in early December. I realize that as fisheries professionals we are seldom "rolling in the dough", but in many cases it is the profession that provides us with the tools to do our jobs. A small annual contribution of \$25.00 (less than \$2.50 a month if you think about it!) will provide us with additional and better tools in the future! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Jeff Reed.

1996 Membership Application

If you can't attend the annual meeting and wish to maintain Chapter membership, please send your dues and a completed application to Henry Van Offelen, 1601 Minnesota Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401.

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