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Editor's Message

by Loren Miller

I've taken the lead-off spot for this relatively short issue of the newsletter. Mark Hove's final President's Message will be in the next edition. The Midwest is finally over and now it's time to think about the next meeting. The main purpose of this issue is to provide the first and only call for papers for the annual chapter meeting. The deadline for abstracts is January 15. Please note Brad's request that we send him an early notice of intent to submit an abstract so that he can begin the planning process.

Officer and Excom Reports

Open

Brian Borkholder

With the exception of limited ice angling and winter netting, the third

season of Tribal harvest in the 1837 Ceded Territory is nearly completed. As of 15 November, the six Wisconsin Bands along with the Mille Lacs and Fond du Lac Bands have speared and netted at total of 47,573.3 pounds of walleye (25,190 individual fish) from Mille Lacs Lake from their 70,000 pound allocation. Three inland lakes were also speared this past spring, with tribal fishermen harvesting a total of 791.6 pounds of walleye from Green (Chisago Co.), Goose, and Razor Lakes. As of 15 November, DNR creel surveys estimate state harvest on Mille Lacs (including hooking mortality) to be 226,000 pounds of walleye. 300,000 pounds were allocated to the State.

This past spring, GLIFWC and the Mille Lacs Band performed post-spawning electrofishing assessments for walleye along the entire shoreline of Mille Lacs Lake. In addition, GLIFWC and the Mille Lacs Band conducted limited netting for yellow perch in Mille Lacs during late spring / early summer, and added additional trawling transects for age-0 walleye in Mille Lacs during late August. GLIFWC, Fond du Lac, and the Mille Lacs Bands conducted fall electrofishing assessments for age-0 and age-1 walleye in Mille Lacs, Goose, and Green Lakes.

Phase 2 of the 1854 Ceded Territory litigation will soon begin between the State of Minnesota and the Fond du Lac, Bois Forte, and Grand Portage Bands. In 1996 during Phase 1 of litigation, the Judge decided that the three Bands did retain hunting, fishing, and gathering rights in the Arrowhead region of the state. Phase 2 was put on hold pending the

outcome of the Mille Lacs case in the 1837 Ceded Territory. The question that now remains unanswered in Phase 2 is one of harvest regulation and allocation of the resources. The State will soon begin discussions with the three Bands. In the meantime, the State is hosting three public informational meetings regarding Phase 2, one to be held on 28 November in Duluth, the other two were held on 13 and 14 November in Grand Marais and Tower. Very little public turnout occurred at these first two meetings.

Committee Reports

Fund Raising - by Tom Burri

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the chapter booth at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The booth raised awareness of our chapter and the Minn-Aqua program. We made over \$1,000 selling t-shirts, posters, books, and pins.

Awards - by Julie Westerlund

The Awards Committee is **seeking nominations** for awards to be given in 2001. Please keep this in mind as you encounter examples of fisheries excellence and special contributions to the Chapter in the coming year! If you'd like more details on eligibility or how to nominate, please see former issues of RYBA or contact Julie Westerlund at julie.westerlund@dnr.state.mn.us or 651-772-7938.

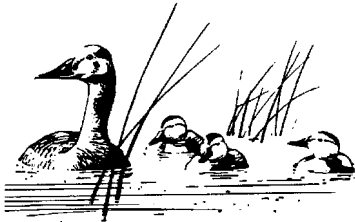
Resolutions - by Todd Marwitz

Please send any resolution, or ideas for a resolution, to:
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Membership - by Fred Henson

The current membership of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society stands at 220 members. This figure includes 23 student members who receive RYBA electronically.

At the present time 49 people who were chapter members in 1999 have not paid dues for the year 2000. These people will continue to receive newsletters through March 7, 2001 in accordance with the chapter's "grace period" policy. Please check your mailing label to verify that your 2000 dues have been received and recorded. Members in good standing will see "00" on their label. If you need to pay year 2000 dues please contact Tim Brastrup by March 7, 2001. If you believe that an error has been made please contact me directly (see inside cover for contact information).



Division Technical Committees

Centrarchid – by Mike McNerny

The annual winter meeting of the Centrarchid Technical Committee (CTC) was held on December 3, 2000 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis. At least one representative from nine states attended. Topics discussed included last year's summer meeting, the upcoming Lepomis symposium,

posters, maintaining the CTC web page, and next year's summer meeting. Randy Schultz (KS) took over as CTC chair.

The CTC was concerned with the low attendance at the 2000 summer meeting. Only 11 people attended the 2000 meeting compared to typical attendances of 25 to 45 people. Multiple changes in the meeting date, late notification of meeting date and location information to prior attendees, and competition with the AFS meeting in St. Louis (where Black Bass and Crappie symposia were held) were blamed as causes for the low turnout.

The location and time of the summer meeting was also discussed. Some members favored keeping the meeting at the same place (Wyasuling State Park, near Prairie Du Chien, WI), but others preferred moving the meeting location near where the current chairperson resides. The pro's about Wyasuling State Park include a central location within the division, low costs (sleeping quarters are available at the park if one chooses), and is a quiet place to hold a meeting. The con's include that the place does not have air conditioning if the weather gets hot, it excludes those interested people who cannot attend due to low budgets or out-of-state travel restrictions, and impedes those who live considerable distances away. Most favored keeping the meeting at Wyasuling State Park.

The CTC is sponsoring a Lepomis symposium to be held at the 63rd Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Des Moines, IA. Steve Fisher (MO), Dave Tunink (NE), and Randy Schultz (KS) are the leads in organizing this symposium. Initially, twenty 20-minute time slots for oral presentations were proposed. So far, 13 sets of authors have committed and four others have tentatively committed to present papers. So we have at least three more slots to fill. Four of the papers are from studies done in Minnesota. Three posters have also been submitted, and we are also looking for more posters. Topics vary from genetics, ecology, habitat use, habitat manipulation, and harvest regulations.

The CTC agreed to keep maintaining their web site which explains what the CTC is all about, who the CTC representatives are, and what the CTC is currently working on and has accomplished. The web site address is:
www.geocities.com/RainForest/Canopy/1096/. This website is also linked with the North Central Division website.

The CTC also discussed developing a poster on black crappie and white crappie similar to those done on bluegill and largemouth bass. There appears to be some demand for this poster, so it will probably be discussed in next summer's meeting.

The time and place of the 2001 summer meeting has been set. This meeting will be held at Wyasuling State Park just south of Prairie Du Chien, WI, on 7-8 August. Participants in the Lepomis symposium are encouraged to present their paper at this meeting.

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

March 5-7, 2001
Fargo, North Dakota
Meeting with the Dakota and Mid-Canada Chapters. See call for papers in this issue.

The MRRC 33rd Annual Meeting

April 26-27, 2001. Mississippi River Research Consortium. La Crosse, Wisconsin. Contact Yao Yin, 608 783-7550 ex 53, yao_yin@usgs.gov. Call for Papers at <http://www.umesc.usgs.gov/mrrrc/calpaper.html>

The Mississippi River Research Consortium (MRRC) is a private, non-profit organization of scientists, natural resource managers, educators, and students, as well as individuals from the general public who seek to

exchange current information concerning the water and land resources of the Mississippi River basin and factors that influence them.

44th annual international IAGLR conference

June 10-14, 2001

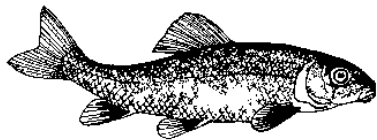
"Great Lakes Science:

Making it Relevant"

UWGB campus in Green Bay

Details of the conference, as well as details on abstract submission can be found at

<http://www.iaglr.org/conference/callpapers.html>.



Of Interest

The AFS Internet site is an extremely helpful site to our members. You can catch up on the latest national AFS scene or see what's happening in your local chapter at www.fisheries.org. Additionally, here are some of the extensive set of resource links at the AFS site:

Publications, including the AFS Online Bookstore:

<http://www.fisheries.org/Publications.shtml> Certification:

<http://www.fisheries.org/Certification.shtml> AFS Mailing List Rental:

<http://www.fisheries.org/Marketplace.shtml> Public Policy, including AFS Policy Statements:

<http://www.fisheries.org/PublicPolicy.shtml> Meetings and Events:

<http://www.fisheries.org/Calendar.shtml>

The AFS Jobs Center Online has become the resource for fisheries-related employment. If you are looking for a job, or have one to post, this site should be your first stop. Check it out at www.fisheries.org/jobs.html.

Also, you can browse featured articles from the latest issue of FISHERIES magazine at: <http://www.fisheries.org/fisheries/fishery.shtml>

On the Underside

Submitted by Charles Anderson

Japanese Windows Error Messages

In Japan, they have replaced the impersonal and unhelpful Microsoft error messages with haiku poetry.

Yesterday it worked.
Today it is not working.
Windows is like that.

A file that big?
It might be very useful.
But now it is gone.

The Web site you seek,
Can not be located but
Countless more exist.

Chaos reigns within.
Reflect, repent, and reboot.
Order shall return.

Aborted effort:
Close all that you have worked on.
You ask far too much.

Windows NT crashed.
I am the Blue Screen of Death.
No one hears your screams.

First snow, then silence.
This thousand dollar screen dies
So beautifully.

With searching comes loss
And the presence of absence:
My novel? Not found.

The Tao that is seen
Is not the true Tao until
You bring fresh toner.

Stay the patient course.
Of little worth is your ire.
The network is down.

A crash reduces

Your expensive computer
To a simple stone.

Three things are certain:
Death, taxes, and lost data.
Guess which has occurred.

You step in the stream,
But the water has moved on.
This page is not here.

Out of memory.
We wish to hold the whole sky,
But we never will.

Having been erased,
The document you're seeking
Must now be retyped.

Serious error.
All shortcuts have disappeared.
Screen. Mind. Both are blank.

CALL FOR PAPERS

34th Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society to be held jointly with the Dakota and Mid-Canada Chapters March 5-7, 2001

Our next annual meeting will be at the Best Western Doublewood Inn located at 3333 13th Avenue South in Fargo, North Dakota. The meeting will begin with registration and a social mixer the evening of the 5th, followed by a full day of presentations and a banquet on the 6th, and a half day of presentations on the 7th.

Be sure not to miss this opportunity to exchange information with your peers, both in Minnesota and to our north and west. The program is open to contributed papers and posters related to fisheries and other aquatic resources. Please submit a short abstract as an attachment to brad.parsons@dnr.state.mn.us or mail the abstract on disk or paper to Brad Parsons at 23070 N. Lakeshore Dr., Glenwood, MN 56334 as soon as possible, but definitely by **January 15, 2001**. Please include title, author(s), institution, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, presenter (identify as student or not), and preference for oral or poster presentation.

It truly eases planning, particularly with a joint meeting, to know potential speakers/posters as early as possible. If you do not have an abstract ready right now, but would like to submit one by the deadline, send me an e-mail message or call me right away with a tentative title to reserve a spot.

We are currently planning a Red River and Tributaries special session, and ideas for other sessions or speakers are welcome.

Lodging reservations can be made by contacting the Best Western Doublewood Inn at **701-235-3333**, please mention Dakota/Minnesota Chapters American Fisheries Society to assure the special rate. Room cost is only \$55 for a double, and registration will likely be under \$50, even with the banquet!

For more information, contact Brad Parsons at 320-634-4573.

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