



# TIDEWATER CHAPTER

Southern Division - American Fisheries Society

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## TIDEWATER CHAPTER FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

Over 70 Chapter members attended the first annual meeting of the Tidewater Chapter, which was held on 30-31 January 1987 at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in Gloucester Point, VA. Tours of VIMS facilities were conducted Friday morning as Chapter members arrived for the meeting. The Friday afternoon agenda was a panel discussion titled Estuaries of National Concern: Lessons from the Past, Plans for the Future. The discussion opened with a review of the Chesapeake Bay Program from many professional perspectives, followed by a discussion of the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study (APES). Panel participants were: Dr. Frank Perkins, Dean/Director, VIMS, opening remarks; Kent Mountford; EPA Liaison Office; William Bolger, Council on the Environment, Commonwealth of Virginia; David Pyoas, Coastal Resources Division, Dept. of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; Dr. Herb Austin, Fisheries Professor, VIMS; Norman Larsen, Chief, Habitat Management Division, Virginia Marine Resources Commission; Carol Ann Barth, Virginia Coordinator, Citizens Program for Chesapeake Bay; and Dr. Doug Rader, Coordinator - Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study, North Carolina Division of Natural Resources and Community Development. The program gave a healthy review of the benefits gained and mistakes made with the Chesapeake Bay Program. Doug Rader followed with plans for the APES work in North Carolina, which commences this spring.

This panel discussion was a great way for our Chapter to begin; the three member states were included and we covered a timely topic which may have impacts on current fisheries programs. Discussions continued at the Chapter-sponsored beer blast Friday evening.

Saturday morning's activities began with the business meeting followed by a series of informal presentations on research and management activities in the tri-state area. Honored guests included Dr. Chuck Coutant, Southern Division President, and Paul Brouha, Deputy Director of the American Fisheries Society.

Chuck Coutant welcomed the Chapter into the fold of the Southern Division, and said that the Chapter was a logical organization due to the common problems, regional fisheries, and national attention on estuaries. He praised the Chapter for Friday's program, saying that it was a good mix of science, policy, and public contribution. Chuck urged Chapter members to become involved in the Chapter, Southern Division, and the Parent Society, and to attend the 1987 Southern Division Annual Meeting in Mobile, Alabama (4-7 October).

Paul Brouha told Chapter members that this annual meeting was timely in light of the upcoming estuarine work in North Carolina. He commented on our excellent turnout for the first meeting, and said that our strength was in the combination of citizens, scientists, and managers with a common interest in estuarine fisheries. Paul challenged Chapter members to reach out to the recreational and commercial fishing communities to make them aware of the fisheries issues that we confront and to receive input from these user groups. He stressed that the American Fisheries Society has plenty of room for individual participation, and encouraged everyone to become involved on the national level.

Maryland

North Carolina

Virginia

Thanks Job well done was given to Paul Anninos for his efforts in coordinating and organizing the Tidewater Chapter. The chapter would have never gotten off the ground without Paul's dedication.

Results of the Election of Officers:

President - Roger Rullison (NC)  
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Secretary-Treasurer - George Lapointe (VA)  
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P.O. Box 756  
Newport News, VA 23607-0756  
(804) 247-2246

Past-President - Paul Anninos (VA)

Appointed positions:

Membership Chairperson - Jane DiCosimo (VA)  
VMRC  
P.O. Box 756  
Newport News, VA 23607-0756  
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Nominating Committee Chairperson - Allyn Powell (NC)  
NOAA/NMFS  
Southeast Fisheries Center  
Beaufort, NC 28516

Members-At-Large:

Maryland - Jay O'Dell  
Maryland DNR  
580 Taylor Ave.  
Annapolis, MD 21041

Virginia - Brenda Norcross  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
Gloucester Point, VA 23062

*Cynthia*

North Carolina - Sean McKenna  
✓ Division of Marine Fisheries  
P.O. Box 1507  
Washington, NC 27889

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On behalf of the Tidewater Chapter, I would like to thank a number of people for their dedication and effort in getting the Chapter off to a good start. Paul Anninos deserves all our appreciation for his continued efforts over the past two years in putting together a good chapter program and set of bylaws. We wish Paul the best of luck as he starts new projects. A core group of people met a number of times to formalize the Tidewater Chapter: Paul Anninos, George Lapointe, Jane DiCosimo, Brenda Norcross, Ailyn Powell, and John Cooper. Thanks to you folks for your dedication and efforts. The success of our first meeting was due to many staff and employees of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Our deep appreciation to Dr. Frank Perkins and the VIMS crowd for hosting our first meeting. Letters of appreciation were sent to our invited speakers for Friday's session. We thank you for your willingness to give your views on the Chesapeake Bay Program, and suggestions for Dr. Rader and the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study. Paul Brouha and Chuck Coutant deserve our heartfelt thanks for representing the Parent Society and the Southern Division at our first annual meeting. We hope y'all will come again!

In the years to come, I hope that the Tidewater Chapter can remain a grassroots organization made up of managers, researchers, and citizens with a common concern for our tremendous wealth of fisheries resources within the coastal areas of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. The informal setting for meetings can provide the opportunity for various agencies and groups to discuss common problems or objectives without the traditional interagency formalities. All members will have the opportunity to become involved and participate in this organization.

Within the next several months the Tidewater Chapter will have its first Executive Committee (EXCOM) meeting. At this meeting I will offer several suggestions for modifying the bylaws to allow more participation in the EXCOM by the membership. At the present time, the bylaws allow only the (four) officers to be voting members of the EXCOM. I believe that standing committee chairpersons, and elected at-large representatives, should have the opportunity for decision making. By the way, EXCOM meetings are open to the membership. If you are interested in attending, contact one of the officers or your Member-At-Large in the next few weeks for details.

Our first major task as a chapter will be to assist in the technical review of research proposals for the Chesapeake Bay Stock Assessment Committee (CBSAC). The chairman of CBSAC, Richard Hennemuth from NOAA/NMFS - Woods Hole, has asked that qualified Tidewater Chapter members help in this task. CBSAC operates under the aegis of four cooperative agreements between NOAA and the States of Virginia and Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania State University. The objective is to cooperatively develop a plan for assessing the effects of fishing and environmental perturbations on the Chesapeake Bay fish stocks. Hennemuth expects to have about 10 proposals ready for technical review about mid-April, with reviews completed by late May. I will be sending letters to some of the membership next week asking for reviews. If you do not receive a letter and are interested in participating, please give me a call (919-757-6220).

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Our membership list is growing every month. As of 15 April, we have 134 members. The current membership is:

MARYLAND- C. Bonzek, S. Burk, J. Casey, M. Dore, R. Early, V. Fay, M. Johnston, S. Jordan, V. Kennedy, R. Klauda, P. Leonard, L. Lubbers, J. Martin, S. Minkinen, C. Moore, R. Morin, I. Moss, J. O'Dell, L. Rugulo, B. Schueler, E. Setzler-Hamilton, M. Stoskopf, C. Wooley

NORTH CAROLINA- M. Ball, C. Benedict, G. Booth, W. Bowen, B. Burns, J. Capehart, K. Cates, D. Cooke, J. Cooper, L. Cowan, L. Clements, D. DeVries, J. Hawkins, L. Henry, B. Herring, W. Hettler, J. Higgins, J. Lanier, S. McKenna, P. McLendon, R. Monaghan, N. Morse, D. Moye, L. Noble, E. Noge, S. Payne, W. Pollard, A. Powell, C. Raineri, W. Rash, J. Ross, R. Rullifson, C. Smith, J. Smith, D. Stephan, T. Stevens, M. Street, A. Tate, P. Tester, T. Thompson, L. Tison, M. Tynsdall, L. Weaver, C. Wilson, S. Winlow

VIRGINIA- P. Anninos, L. Barbieri, C. Barr, S. Bellmund, M. Bender, B. Blaylock, E. Bochenek, D. Boyd, D. Byrd, N. Chartier, J. Choromanski, J. Colvocoresses, J. DesFosse, J. DiCosimo, P. Duncan, W. DuPaul, D. Eggleston, G. Frazer, C. Furman, G. Garman, M. Gibbons, D. Grimes, W. Hester, B. Hill, C. Jones, D. Kane, L. Kline, G. Lapointe, R. Lipcius, J. Loesch, J. Lucy, M. Lynch, R. Mann, R. Mansour, L. Marshall, C. Monteiro Neto, R. Morales, S. Newton, B. Norcross, M. Norman, D. Orth, W. Parolari, E. Pritchard, W. Rickards, L. Shabman, E. Sismour, S. Smith, R. Southwick, A. Stavola, G. Swihart, C. Tabit, R. Trapani, J. Travelstead, B. Weeks, F. Wojcik, D. Wyanski

OTHER STATES- A. Fritz (PA), M. Prager (CA), L. Starnes (DC)

Treasurers Report, 15 April 1987

Membership, Annual Meeting	+	\$ 688.47
Annual Meeting Supplies	-	78.63
Annual Meeting Social	-	280.00
Chapter Stationary	-	57.75
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Balance		\$ 272.09

## MEETINGS

The Annual Southern Division meeting will be held October 4-7, 1987, at the Stouffer Hotel, Mobile, Alabama 36602. The Call for Papers deadline is May 1. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 41st Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The meeting promises to be a good one, with much to see and do in Mobile. For details contact Fisheries Associate Editor Dr. Joe Tomasso, Aquatic Station, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666.

ANNUAL AFS MEETING, WINSTON-SALEM, NC, SEPTEMBER 13-17. North Carolina's Fisheries Chief, Fred Harris, says that the annual meeting arrangements are progressing nicely. According to Program Chair Bill Taylor, 26 special theme sessions have been scheduled. There will also be an estimated 80 contributed papers plus about 30 poster presentations. The May/June issue of Fisheries will contain the complete annual meeting program. The Education Section of AFS will conduct a student caucus at the AFS annual meeting in Winston-Salem, NC (Sept. 13-17). If you would like to participate, write Section President Ira Adelman, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108 (612-624-3600).

1987 Tidewater Annual Meeting - John Cooper. It is time to begin planning for this year's annual meeting. Several sites have been suggested including East Carolina University in Greenville, and the National Marine Fisheries Service lab in Beaufort, NC. If you have thoughts on a location, please send them to John soon. As listed elsewhere in this newsletter, there are many meetings held during the year making it difficult to schedule our own. There are over 20 meetings in 1987 that may have interest for part or all of our membership. The best times for our meetings are: Sept 25-26, Oct. 23-24, Nov. 13-14, Nov. 20-21, or Nov. 27-28. There are few meetings in December-January and July-August. Both periods have drawbacks for weather conditions, particularly for travel out of state. Any preferences should be sent to me. At present, it appears that November is the best time.

Several members have suggested meeting more than once per year. What do you say? More meetings can be held if enough volunteers are available to organize additional meetings. It is customary for the President-Elect to organize meetings and I would be willing to increase the meeting times if there is member support for this change.

I am looking forward to hearing from all of you on these topics and any others that interest you. If you would like suggest topics for our next meeting, send along your ideas.

An artificial reef management plan is being prepared by North Carolina using Wallop-Breaux funds. The NC Division of Marine Fisheries is preparing the plan and would like input from AFS members. For more information, contact Ms. Liz Noble, Marine Biologist, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, NC 28557-0769. Phone (919)-726-7021.

The 11th Annual Larval Fish Conference will be held June 1-3, 1987, on the campus of Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI. Registration is \$55 and \$45 (students) in advance, \$65 after May 8. Low-cost university housing is available. Contact Nancy A. Auer, phone (906) 482-4391, for registration details.

The Second National Symposium on the Soft-shelled Blue Crab Fishery will be held Nov. 4-5, 1987, at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA. The deadline for submitting abstracts is August 31. The meeting is sponsored by Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service Network of the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast, and the Fisheries Development Foundations of the Mid-Atlantic, South, and Gulf regions. Abstracts of 100-250 words should be submitted to Michael J. Cesterling, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary, Gloucester Point, VA 23062. Phone (804) 642-7165.

An International Symposium on Fish Tagging will be held in the spring (perhaps in June) of 1988 with sponsorship by the Fisheries Management and Fisheries Administrators sections of AFS, and the Federal Aid (Wallop-Breaux) office of the USFWS. A specific goal of the symposium is to produce a fish tagging handbook based on the proceedings. For more information, contact AFS headquarters.

#### JOBS, VACANCIES, SCHOLARSHIPS

A Career Opportunities Center (COC), sponsored by the AFS Education Section, will be at the annual Winston-Salem meeting. The Center will feature a new, interactive computer-based job searching system. EMPLOYERS - please send information about job openings in fisheries and aquatic sciences to the COC chairman. Be sure to include appropriate information or brochures about your organization. JOB SEEKERS - send a resume to the COC chairman. Vacancy announcements and resumes will be received anytime throughout the year, but should arrive no later than September 1, 1987. Send materials to Dr. James M. Haynes, AFS ES COC Chair, Department of Biological Sciences, SUNY College at Brockport, Brockport, NY 14420. All information will be available for review at the Winston-Salem meeting.

Academic research positions are available for project managers, graduate research assistants, and field research technicians in Alabama. Research areas include regulated river fisheries,

larval fish ecology, smallmouth bass management, grass carp, estuarine fish community ecology, and wetland impacts. Contact Dr. Mark Bain, Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, 331 Funchess Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-4201, phone (205) 826-4786.

Applications for the J. Frances Allen Scholarship will be accepted until June 15, 1987. This scholarship was established in 1986 in honor of Dr. Allen, a pioneer in women's involvement in AFS and in fisheries. Applicants must be female, an advanced Ph.D. student (at least a second year student) and a current AFS member. An award of \$2,500 will be made to the successful candidate. For complete information write: J. Frances Allen Scholarship, Attn. Dr. Brenda L. Norcross, American Fisheries Society, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814.

#### PUBLICATIONS

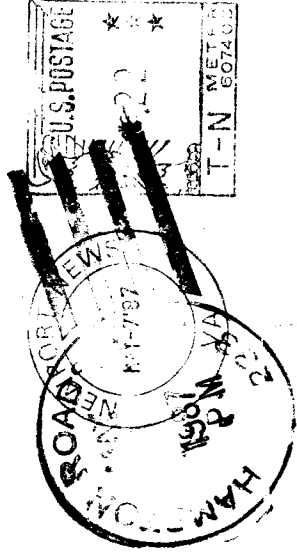
Common Strategies of Anadromous and Catadromous Fishes, the first of a series of AFS symposium proceedings, is now in print. The 570-page clothbound book is edited by Dadswell, Klauda, Moffitt, and Saunders. Sales brochures will be mailed to the AFS membership within the next several weeks. The symposium was held in Boston in March 1986, sponsored by the Northeastern Division of AFS. Price for orders received by May 15 is \$35 for members, \$40 for nonmembers. Prices after May 15 will be \$40 and \$45, respectively.

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Call for Proposals for the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study went out April 1 from Doug Rader's office in Raleigh. According to Rader, the APES Committee has completed the initial planning phase and is soliciting proposals for research and information acquisition on a wide variety of topics directly related to the management of the estuarine resources of northeast North Carolina. Deadline for proposals is 1 May 1987. For additional information write or call: Dr. Douglas N. Rader, Coordinator - APES, Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, NC 27611-7687. (919) 733-5083.

Next Newsletter Information We're planning our next newsletter for July 1987. If you have any information that you'd like to have included, please send this to: George Lapointe, Sec./Trees.-Tidewater Chapter, VMRC, P.O. Box 756, Newport News, VA, 23607. Any information on laboratory activities, projects, upcoming legislation, etc. would be welcome.

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