

MISSOURI CHAPTER

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was held at the University of Missouri in Columbia on February 9 and 10, 1978. Newly elected officers are James B. Reynolds, President; Stanley M. Michaelson, Vice-President; and Gary D. Novinger, Secretary-Treasurer.

An appreciative audience welcomed a presentation on "Professional Communication" given by Messrs. Frank Lockard, William James, Robert Hollingsworth, John Russell, Edward Hansen and David Turner of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Another topic discussed in joint session with the Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society was "Current Habitat Issues -- Where Are We?". Dr. Leslie Glasgow discussed conservation issues as they are influenced by politics. Other presentations featured ideas in developing an alternative plan for Meramec River (as opposed to damming it), a status report on habitat issues involving the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers in Missouri, and descriptions of terrestrial and aquatic habitat evaluation procedures.

Resolutions adopted by members of the Missouri Chapter included: opposition to further channelization of the St. Francis River in Missouri; appreciation of the efforts of President Carter and Missouri Senators Eagleton and Danforth for their concern for protection of Missouri's remaining free-flowing streams; opposition to construction of dams on major streams in the Meramec Basin; commendation of Colonel Richard Curl and the Kansas City District, Corps of Engineers, for efforts to improve the Missouri River for fish and wildlife; support for the efforts of the Missouri River

Division, Corps of Engineers, in mitigation efforts involving the Missouri River; and opposition to repeal or modification of Missouri's Constitutional amendment permitting the 1/8 cent conservation sales tax.

The Chapter Award of Excellence was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Campbell. For many years Bob and Dorothy have welcomed new students, biologists, and agencies to Columbia and have fostered an atmosphere of congeniality which has kept the conservation community closely-knit despite its continued growth. Their team effort has sustained students and strengthened professionals.

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The planned construction of Meramec Dam by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers was a hot issue in Missouri. The Missouri Chapter opposed, by resolution, this project and other dams in the Meramec basin. The fate of the Meramec Dam was finally decided by a non-binding referendum vote in the counties in the Meramec basin. The people voted 2 to 1 against construction, and Missouri Senator Eagleton and Representative Ichord are introducing legislation to deauthorize the project.

The Chapter completed a Summary of Current Aquatic Research in Missouri, 1977-1978. The 17-page report summarizes recently-completed or on-going aquatic studies conducted by 26 academic institutions, government agencies, and private organizations. Copies were distributed to Chapter members and are available to other interested persons by request from the Secretary-Treasurer (1110 College Ave., Columbia, MO 65201).

For the 13th successive year, the Missouri Chapter will participate in a career show at the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. The convention offers an opportunity to acquaint several thousand young people with aquatic-oriented careers.

The next annual meeting of the Missouri Chapter will be held February 22 and 23, 1979 on the campus of the University of Missouri, Columbia.