

MISSOURI CHAPTER

The Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society held its 18th annual meeting on February 14 and 15, 1980, at the University of Missouri. The first day was spent in joint session with the Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society, where the audience listened to the Natural History Section of the Missouri Department of Conservation present an overview of their efforts in research, management and public relations on behalf of "nongame" flora and fauna. Four papers on environmental ethics and endangered species followed. Papers presented during the fisheries technical session discussed fishing quality in the St. Louis urban fishing program, an overview of priority areas in Missouri DNR's nonpoint pollution abatement program, mitigation of potential fishery losses of a water intake project through Section 404 of the Clean Water Law using the results of an instream flow study, and the Missouri Department of Conservation's role in water pollution investigations in 1979.

The Chapter Award of Excellence was presented to George G. Fleener for his landmark studies of river use that not only saved some of our streams from environmental degradation, but also resulted in a system of evaluating river use that is now used by many agencies statewide. The Chapter also presented, for the first time, the Missouri Chapter AFS Letter of Recognition. The award, given to those persons whose efforts deserve recognition not normally covered by the award of excellence, was presented to William H. Dieffenbach for his red-tape cutting efforts in claiming Missouri River islands for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Newly-elected officers include Jack Jones, President; Dave Foster, President-Elect; Rich Wehnes, Secretary; Jim Czarnezki, Treasurer. Tentative dates for the next meeting are February 19 and 20, 1981.

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The Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society held its 18th annual meeting in Columbia, MO on February 15, 1980. The meeting was chaired by President Stan Michaelson. Officers for 1980-1981 are: Jack Jones, President; Dave Foster, President-Elect; Rich Wehnes, Secretary and Jim Czarnezki, Treasurer. George Fleener was given the Missouri Chapter, American Fisheries Society Award of Excellence for 1980 for developing techniques to study river use that not only saved rivers from environmental degradation, but that resulted in a system of evaluating river use that is used nationwide. The Missouri Chapter, AFS Letter of Recognition was presented to Bill Dieffenbach for his efforts in claiming Missouri River islands for the Missouri Department of Conservation. Don Kangas is the state coordinator for the D-J Expansion effort. The Missouri Chapter donated \$75 to the Steering Committee to support D-J Expansion. Again this

year the Missouri Chapter will maintain a career booth at the Future Farmers of America Convention in Kansas City. The Executive Committee has allocated \$100 to improve the display with the theme altered towards career, environmental and land management topics. The booth provides a good opportunity to present future farmers with environmental ethics. Ron Crunkilton and Steve Gutreuter are co-chairmen of the membership committee. They plan an aggressive membership campaign to improve membership in the Chapter and Parent Society. Next years meeting will be held in Columbia in February 1981. In addition to a technical session there will be a session on "Energy Conservation - the implications on Fisheries and Wildlife."

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The fifteenth annual National Agricultural Career Show, in conjunction with the 53rd National Future Farmers of America Convention, was held November 11-14, 1980, and for the fifteenth year, the Missouri Chapter, American Fisheries Society, set up and ran a career booth in behalf of the parent chapter. The F.F.A. convention, held every year in Kansas City, Missouri, is the largest annual youth convention in the country, this year hosting nearly 23,000 members, advisors and guests. Representatives of F.F.A. chapters from all 50 states and Puerto Rico convene every year to elect officers, compete for various awards and visit the some 113 career booths. At the grand opening on November 11, the American Fisheries Society was presented a bronze plaque and certificate for 15 years continuous participation in the career show.

The AFS booth featured a continuous slide show of activities that fisheries scientists are engaged in, displays on fish health, management, research and water quality, and career brochures. Chapter members Steve Eder, Stan Michaelson, Dave Jennings and Phil Jeffries were also on hand to answer questions and provide more information. The chapter feels that this year's booth was again a success, since it represents a unique opportunity not only to disseminate career information, but to impart aquatic management and ecological information to potential land managers whose activities can affect a significant part of this nation's fish and wildlife habitat in the future.

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