

MISSOURI CHAPTER

The Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society held its 19th annual meeting on February 19 and 20, 1981, at the University of Missouri. The first day was spent in joint session with the Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Under the theme of Resource Challenges of the Eighties, the audience heard speakers such as Dr. Rupert Cutler, Dr. Larry Jahn and Mr. Charles Callison discuss the political and environmental challenges in the coming decade, and what we as natural resource managers must do to meet these challenges. Papers presented during the fisheries technical session discussed an evaluation of a 12-15 inch protected length range regulation on largemouth bass in a Missouri lake, population structure and harvest of suckers in a southern Missouri stream, food habits of hatchery-reared paddlefish, impacts of low dissolved oxygen in a tailwater trout fishery, dioxin investigations in southwest Missouri, and the use of Section 404 in channelization cases.

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Newly-elected officers include Dave Foster, President; Jim Fry, President-Elect; Rich Wehnes, Secretary; and Jim Czarnezki, Treasurer. Tentative dates for the next meeting are February 11 and 12, 1982.

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During the business meeting, Dave Foster was installed as President, Jim Fry was elected President-Elect, Rich Wehnes was re-elected Secretary, and Jim Czarnezki was reinstalled as Treasurer.

Five resolutions were passed by the membership:

- 1). Support for efforts to mitigate fish and wildlife habitat losses on the Missouri River.

- 2). Support for Missouri Clean Water Commission's proposed Channel Modification Guidelines.
- 3). Support for prompt issuance of rules for compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.
- 4). Appreciation of effort to the Missouri Attorney General, and the Directors of Missouri Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources for their efforts on Stockton Lake and Harry S. Truman Reservoir litigations.
- 5). Support for the deauthorization of Meramec Park Lake and Union Lake projects.

Missouri Chapter efforts will be directed towards several goals in the coming year:

- Compile and publish a directory of workers in the aquatic sciences in Missouri
- Study the feasibility of a second (summer) chapter meeting
- Increase and upgrade communication among Missouri Chapter members and between North-Central Division chapters by revising and revamping the newsletter
- Maintain an interest in and be responsive to issues that affect fishery professionals and fish populations and habitat in Missouri (D-J expansion, support for Co-op units, etc.)
- Increase membership and be responsive to the members' desires and interests

The twentieth annual meeting is scheduled for February 11 and 12, 1982, at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.