

FISH MANAGEMENT SESSION

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 13th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF AFS

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society was held in Clearwater, Florida. The meeting, which is held in conjunction with the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, was from October 18-October 21, 1964. Approximately 700 people representing fisheries, game, engineering, enforcement, boating and education-information personnel were registered at the combined conferences.

The business meetings of the Southern Division were held on October 19 and October 20. Approximately 150 persons attended the business sessions with 106 fisheries biologists from 17 states registering their attendance.

Technical fisheries sessions were well attended with an estimated peak attendance of 230. The forty-one papers were divided into seven sessions which stretched over a period of 2.5 days. Papers were presented on a variety of fisheries subjects including marine fisheries, estuarine productivity, impoundments management, aquatic vegetation control, pollutions abatement and farm pond investigations.

The business sessions were presided over by President Edwin Berry of Maryland ably assisted by Robert Martin of Virginia. Six former presidents of the division were in attendance as were Mr. George Eicher and Mr. I. B. Byrd, President and President-elect of the Parent Society.

Outstanding committee reports were submitted. The Reservoir Committee reported plans for evaluation of rotenone sampling techniques in Douglas Reservoir, Tennessee in October, 1965. A reservoir symposium is planned for April, 1967 at the University of Georgia Continuing Education Center. The membership committee reported 141 new members by September 5, 1964.

New officers elected for the Division were Bernard T. Carter, Kentucky, President; Alex B. Montgomery, Georgia, Vice President; and James T. Davis, Louisiana, re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully,
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Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Division AFS

1964 POLLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN DIVISION, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

Your 1964 Pollution Committee herewith presents a brief summary of the water pollution control laws of the various member States. This summary was compiled with particular reference to: (1) the legal authority granted a State to assess monetary, or other, damages against a polluter responsible for a fish-kill; and (2) the role played by the State fishery agencies in water pollution control activities.

Two salient facts are immediately apparent from these summaries. The recovery of damages by the State in any way commensurate with the actual loss associated with a fish-kill is not legally possible in most States. Where the laws do so permit, the recovery of adequate