1. There was no difference in the survival of striped bass fry from Cooper River, South Carolina and Savannah River, Georgia in 12, 0.1-A. earthen ponds.

2. Increasing water hardness by the addition of CaSO. to half of the ponds did not increase the survival of striped bass fry.

3. Delayed stocking of the fry increased the survival rate in ponds, but many fry died in holding prior to stocking.

4. Low water temperatures at stocking apparently increased the survival of striped bass fry when compared to the results obtained in previous years at this station.

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SUMMARY REPORT

SOUTHERN DIVISION OF AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY—TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

The Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society met in conjunction with the 25th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners in Charleston, South Carolina on October 17-20, 1971. Seventy-two members in good standing attended the first business meeting, and 99 attended the second business meeting. The total paid fishery registrants numbered 158.

Thirty-eight fishery papers were presented during the technical sessions. Included on the program was a symposium entitled "Potential Management of Basses by Species Selection."

President Barkley opened the second business session with a brief address to the members. He pointed out the cooperative action which is prevalent throughout the Division and reviewed activities of the past year.

All committees submitted their annual reports. One resolution was approved by the membership. This resolution shows the Southern Division's endorsement and support for the extension and full funding of Public Law 88-309, as amended, "The Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Program."

New officers elected were: President, Archie Hooper, Alabama, President-elect, Jim Clugston, Georgia; Secretary-treasurer, Glen McBay, Georgia; and National Nominating Committee Member, Barry Freeman, Mississippi.



Photo. Left to Right: Harry Barkley, Mississippi, Outgoing President; Archie Hooper, Alabama, President; Jim Clugston, Georgia, President-Elect; Barry Freeman, Mississippi, National Nominating Committee; Glen McBay, Secretary-Treasurer, Georgia, (Absent).

Committee chairmen for 1972 are: Auditing, Wayne Shell, Alabama; Awards Jack Dequine, Florida; Local Arrangements, Dave Bishop; Tennessee; Membership, Johnnie Crance, Texas; Nominating, Alex Montgomery, Georgia; Past Presidents, Harry Barkley, Mississippi; Pollution, Dan Sherry, Tennessee; Program, Hudson Nichols, Tennessee; Reservoir, Dudley Carvery, Louisiana, Resolutions, Jerry Banks, Florida; Striped Bass, Jack Harper, Oklahoma; Trout, Rich Fatora, Georgia.

Numerous awards were made at the meeting. Dr. Gordon Gunter was presented an Honorary Membership in the American Fisheries Society. The awards committee announced the best papers and presentations for the 1970 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The first place award went to Janice S. Hughes, Louisiana; the second place award to W. Cape Carnes, North Carolina; and honorable mentions to Richard A. Collins, Arkansas, and Ralph M. Burress, Georgia.

Past Presidents of the Southern Division were presented plaques in recognition of their leadership and personal contributions to advance and improve the science of fisheries in the professional and public interest. Twelve of the Division's 19 Past Presidents were present at the meeting. Past Presidents are: Jack Dequine, Ed Hueske, Jack Chance, Norm Benson, Carlos Fetterolf, Jeff Fuller, Gene Surber, Buck Byrd, Andy Hulsey, Barry Freeman, Howard Zellar, Gene Ruhr, Ed Barry, Bernie Carter, Alex Montgomery, Jim Davis, Bob Martin, Buford "Red" Tatum, and Hudson Nichols.

The next annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at the Regency Hyatt House, Knoxville, Tennessee on October 22-25, 1972.

> JAMES P. CLUGSTON, Secretary-treasurer.