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## FIRST IFC REGIONAL MEETINGS

The first round of Instream Flow Council regional meetings are being organized by the Governing Council's Regional Directors in Region 1, Region 2 and Region 3. As of press time the meetings for Regions 4 and 5 have not been arranged. It is anticipated that by the time the next issue is published that these meeting will be in the planning stages so stay tuned or contact your regional director.

Region 1 Director Gary Smith has informed the newsletter editor that the meeting of Governing Council members from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming will meet in Boise, Idaho May 7-8, 1999. The draft agenda for the meeting has a report from IFC President Tom Annear, state reports on Public Trust activities, state reports instream flow issues and activities, reports from the standing committees on methods and policy, membership issues, the second full meeting of the full IFC, western region input to the standing committees on policy and methods, IFC awards, western region networking issues, IFC affiliation with RIVERS journal (see related story in this issue), Native American IFC membership and/or participation, and a variety state specific issues and case studies from Nevada, California, Utah, and Oregon.

Region 2 Director Larry Hutchinson has set his regional meeting for March 30-31, 1999 at Mahoney Park near Omaha, Nebraska. Region 2 consists of the states of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Director Hutchinson says,

"Greetings IFC Region 2 reps, EXCOM members, and other Region 2 instream flow coordinators. Plans for the Region 2 meeting are well underway and I hope that each of you can find the means to come to

our first Regional meeting since the 1998 International meeting of the Instream Flow Council. The meeting is planned for Mahoney Park and the Schramm Park Aksarben (ed's note: that's Nebraska spelled sdrawkcab) Aquarium halfway between Lincoln and Omaha. The Chairs for the IFC Policy Committee and the IFC Methods and Standards Committee are both from Region 2 and the meeting provides an excellent opportunity to provide input to these standing committees as they embark on their work for the Council. IFC President Tom Annear will also be in attendance and will, no doubt, have important information to pass on." Contact Larry at 402-471-5554 if you have questions, if you would like to see a copy of the final agenda, or if you need special travel or lodging information.

Region 3 Director Randy Moss has reported that the Region 3 meeting will be held in conjunction with the Southern Division Mid-year Meeting of AFS in Chattanooga on February 26th, 1999. Region 3 of the IFC consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. The theme for this regional meeting will focus on techniques and practices. Contact Randy at 512-754-6844 if you have questions.

## **PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL AFFILIATION BEING EXPLORED**

IFC President Tom Annear plans on meeting with Susan Lamb of SEL and Associates on February 25, 1999 in Fort Collins, Colorado to explore a possible relationship between the IFC and the *Rivers* journal. SEL and Associates produces the peer reviewed journal, *Rivers* which publishes papers, articles, reviews, and legal analysis of instream flow related science, policy and law. The Regional Directors have provided Tom with a healthy list of questions, concerns, issues and ideas related to the idea of the IFC using *Rivers* as a vehicle for publication of our work. Stay tuned for updates regarding this topic in future newsletters.

## **WYOMING BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE**

*By Tom Annear, WY G&F*

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department has recently published a brochure entitled, "Instream Flows in Wyoming" that explains the instream flow program in Wyoming. The eight page document briefly explains how the state's instream flow program is administered within existing water law and provides answers to some of the most

commonly asked questions about instream flows. This project was completed in cooperation with the Wyoming State Engineer's Office and Department of Agriculture as a way to dispel some of the misinformation that persists on both sides of the instream flow issue. For copies of the brochure or more information about instream flows in Wyoming, contact Tom Annear, Instream Flow Supervisor, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82006.

## **COLORADO PRODUCES THIRD ISSUE OF *INSTREAM COLORADO***

*By Jay Skinner, CO DOW*

During the summer of 1998, the Colorado Water Conservation Board initiated the publication of a newsletter to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the state's instream flow program. The three issues of *Instream Colorado* include articles by staff members of the CWCB and CDOW describing aspects of the program of interest to the public. The July, 1998 issue has articles about the water acquisition program, some historical perspectives on the Colorado program and discussion of some of the program's field and office procedures. The second issue (October, 1998) has articles about the difficult task of monitoring stream flows for water right administration and current data collection efforts. The third issue (January, 1999)



has articles describing some of the details regarding field quantification of instream flow needs, some news regarding enforcement activities at Colorado's ski areas, and a profile of former CWCB board member and water attorney David Harrison. Each issue has a calendar of water related events and other items of public interest. Copies of back issues can be obtained from Bahman Hatami (bahman.hatami@state.co.us) or current issues can be obtained either by mail or via the internet at the site [www.dnr.state.co.us/cwcb](http://www.dnr.state.co.us/cwcb).

## **SUSTAINABLE RIVERINE FISH HABITAT CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR APRIL 21 - 23, 1999 IN VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

The Canadian Electrical Association and The World Bank are among the sponsors of a conference designed to bring together scientists, engineers and others concerned with the effect of water resource management on the sustainability of fishery resources in rivers. The major theme of the conference is the interaction of water and land ecological systems with physical factors such as land use changes and the manipulation of the water regime. The conference will be conducted in a workshop format which will provide attendees with opportunities for informal discussions as well as formal paper presentations. Abstracts and presentation outlines are currently being accepted for both technical presentations and legal/policy presentations. Technical subjects include river morphology, habitat issues, adaptive strategies, riparian land use water quality topics, biological response to habitat changes, instrumentation for fish and habitat management, fish migration and passage, and cumulative stresses on the aquatic ecosystem. Policy topics include regulatory mechanisms, agency perspectives on regulatory processes, fish as a surrogate for environmental health, and the economics of fish habitat and fish management in developed and developing

countries. For more information regarding this conference, contact Chuck Newcombe directly by telephone at 250-387-9552 or by e mail at [cnewcomb@assessment.env.gov.bc.ca](mailto:cnewcomb@assessment.env.gov.bc.ca).

## **CALIFORNIA-NEVADA CHAPTER OF AFS HOLDING 33rd ANNUAL MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM IN REDDING, CA ON MARCH 25-27, 1999.**

There are several topics of interest relating to instream flow issues on this agenda. The main theme of this meeting is Watershed Approaches to Protecting and Restoring Stream Ecosystems. Speakers will address watershed issues, geomorphology, streamflows, riparian ecology, adaptive management, fishery advocacy and other fishery related topics. Hal Thomas, of the California Department of Game and Fish and speaker at the IFC meeting in Denver in March, 1998 is coordinating one of the sessions regarding the political process. For more information, contact Mike Mainz at 916-657-2048 or Hal Thomas (be sure to say hello and identify yourself as an IFC member!!!) at 916-324-3404.

## **DAM REMOVAL AND AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS SYMPOSIUM SET FOR DECEMBER 6-8, 1999 IN CHICAGO**

The North Central Division of AFS's River and Streams Technical Committee is sponsoring a symposium exploring the effects of dam removal on aquatic ecosystems in North America. This symposium is to be conducted in conjunction with the 61st Midwestern Fish and Wildlife Conference. A first call for papers was issued January 13, 1999. Presenters are being encouraged to submit abstracts dealing with physical, chemical, and biological effects of dam removal on streams,

rivers, and impoundments. Site specific and watershed scale papers are encouraged. Restoration topics are particularly of interest. For more information contact Paul Kanehl at 608-221-6332 or via e mail at KanehP@mail01.dnr.state.wi.us.

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**ATTENTION IFC MEMBERS AND INSTREAM FLOW COORDINATORS:** Articles and news items needed for the next issue of the IFC NEWSLETTER

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