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## Recent Court Ruling May Affect Use of Aquatic Herbicides

Several special interest groups in the state of Washington represented by Earthjustice filed suit against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in January 2001. The group claimed EPA failed to consult with the appropriate federal agencies regarding the potential impact of 54 herbicides on endangered salmon and thereby violated the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In July 2002, a federal judge ruled that EPA was in violation of the ESA because they did not consult with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA-Fisheries) or US Fish and Wildlife Service. The EPA was ordered by the court in July 2002 to consult with NOAA-Fisheries to evaluate the potential impact of the 54 pesticides and to determine what restrictions should be imposed to protect salmon. In November 2002, Earthjustice requested the court to order the implementation of buffer zones for applications of the pesticides near streams and water bodies accessible to salmon. In August 2003, the court instructed EPA and industry representatives to negotiate which of the 54 pesticides should require interim measures. In December 2003, the court directed Earthjustice to draft proposed language for a final order for the interim measures. The court issued a final order in January 2004. This order requires any of the 54 pesticides that have not been reviewed by EPA or have been determined as "likely to adversely affect" salmonoids to be subject to buffer zones. The order requires buffer zone widths to be set at 20 yards for ground applications and 100 yards for aerial applications of pesticides and are applied near all streams, lakes, estuaries and other water bodies where salmon inhabit.

The direct result of the lawsuit and court order

has affected the application of pesticides near surface waters in Washington, Oregon and California. Other special interest groups are filing suits across the nation using the same rationale to protect other endangered species. This ruling may also impact the nation's ability to use many EPA-approved aquatic herbicides and thereby affect the management of invasive aquatic weeds in many states including Florida.

The Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) is working with Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE) in supporting regulations that help EPA to protect the environment and endangered species without unnecessary legal procedures and potential judgments against aquatic plant management operations. These organizations are supporting the draft Endangered Species Counterpart Regulation published in the Federal Register January 30, 2004. The proposed rule will help streamline the EPA's pesticide regulatory program and bring it into compliance with requirements of the ESA. The Endangered Species Counterpart Regulation will establish a clear regulatory framework for compliance with ESA consultation requirements. Currently, the comment period is open on this regulation. Information regarding the regulation can be acquired at [www.pestfacts.org/esa.html](http://www.pestfacts.org/esa.html). Comments can be submitted to the US Fish & Wildlife Service Endangered Species Act rulemaking docket via this website.

For more information regarding the court ruling and the pesticides being reviewed by the EPA visit the Washington State Department of Agriculture, Endangered Species Program website at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/EnvResources/Lawsuit.htm>.

# First Quarter 2004 FAPMS Board of Directors Meeting

## **Officers:**

President	Steve Weinsier
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Editor	Judy Ludlow

## **Directors:**

Vicki Pontius	Jim Cuda
Steve Smith	Christine Bauer
Todd Olson	Chance Dubose
Bill Torres	Polly Ellinor
Buddy Deese	

**Absent:** Jim Cuda, Bill Torres, Polly Ellinor, Judy Ludlow

**Guest:** Jennifer Bustos-Fitz

**Location:** US Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, 525 Ridgelawn Road, Clewiston, Florida 33440

**Date and Time:** January 28, 2004 at 10:00am

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary Angie Huebner called the meeting to order at 10:04am on January 28, 2004.

## **II. ROLL CALL AND MINUTES**

Angie Huebner took the roll and President Weinsier declared a quorum. President Weinsier asked if there were any deletions, omissions or modifications that should be made to the Fourth Quarter 2003 Board of Directors Meeting minutes. Vicki Pontius made a motion to accept the minutes for the Fourth Quarter 2003 Board of Directors Meeting and Steve Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

President Weinsier provided a FAPMS Presidential Editorial that identified potential goals for the Society during 2004. These goals include to maintain existing members by better communicating with the general membership, increase society benefits that attract new members, provide more educational outreach and in-

crease the number of student members, establish partnerships with other organizations, increase member participation in committees, increase FAPMS participation in community events and improve communication with legislators. Steve asked for suggestions to accomplish the goals. David Farr suggested creating regional working groups that would provide presentations and training courses regarding aquatic plant management. There was a lengthy discussion about the possibility of FAPMS and South Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society having joint meetings and establishing a partnership. Jennifer Bustos-Fitz, president of the South Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society will address the aforementioned issues with the board of directors. There was a lengthy discussion about FAPMS approaching other organizations to have joint concurrent meetings. Keshav Setaram will approach the Florida Lake Management Society regarding conducting a joint meeting in the future. There was some concern about losing the focus of the Society if joint meetings were conducted with other organizations. Two memos were submitted regarding scholarship donations. A memo provided by President Weinsier for the request for letters from Regional Chapters to support Jeff Schardt's nomination to the National Invasive Species Advisory Committee was submitted. A letter from the president of the Aquatic Plant Management Society to the Executive Director of the National Invasive Species Council nominating Jeff Schardt to serve on the Invasive Species Advisory Committee was submitted. President Weinsier commented the memos regarding the scholarship donations and the nominations for the invasive species committee should be discussed during old business.

## **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT—David Farr**

David provided a profit and loss statement for the Society for January–December 2003. He also reported the Society's financial report/status can be acquired on the FAPMS website. David reported the Society's total current assets are \$41,248.87. A breakdown of total assets includes: checking—\$3,066.33; savings—\$20,973.78; Strong Money Market—\$13,382.04; inventory and fixed assets—\$3,826.72. David provided a summary for income and expenses for the 2003 training conference. Total income including registration and sponsorship was \$43,245.00 and total expenses were \$36,661.60. The Society's total income for 2003 was \$55,368.85 that included membership fees, merchandise sales, newsletter advertising, interest and funds remaining from



2002. The total expenses were \$50,429.42. David reported he has scheduled an appointment with an accountant on February 3, 2004 and the Society's taxes will be completed in February. The sales tax for July 2003–December 2003 was \$166.42. David upgraded the Society's web subscription. This upgrade provides more pages at a cost of \$64.04. An online store has been added to the website. David purchased a copy of Adobe Acrobat Professional. David asked for suggestions and comments regarding the FAPMS website. Steve commented the Society should complete a budget for the year and previous year's expenditures could be used as a guideline. David stated his goal is to have enough money in liquid assets by January 2006 to pay for the following years annual training conference.

#### **V. SECRETARY'S REPORT–Angie Huebner**

Angie provided a copy of the officers, directors and committee chairs contact information sheet for review. She asked everyone to review and provide corrections.

#### **VI. EDITOR'S REPORT–Judy Ludlow**

Judy was not present at the meeting however provided a report via email. President Weinsier read Judy's report. Judy has decided this year will be the last year she will serve as editor. She contacted several individuals to determine if they would be interested in serving as editor for the Society, however these individuals were not interested in the position. Steve Smith made a motion to accept the treasurer's, secretary's and editor's reports. Todd Olson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion about the editor's position and duties and the requirements to serve as editor. President Weinsier contacted Karen Brown, who is the editor for the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC), to determine if she was interested in being the editor for the Society. Karen said she would give it some thought. President Weinsier stated FLEPPC is now publishing *Wildland Weeds* in-house and it has proved to be beneficial to the organization. Jackie Smith suggested inviting Karen Brown to the next board of directors meeting to discuss the process of publishing *Wildland Weeds*. Steve Weinsier commented he knows an individual that may be interested in serving as editor however the individual has not met the requirements for the position. Jennifer Bustos-Fitz has met the requirements to serve as editor. She volunteered to serve as editor and to work with the individual to publish *Aquatics*. It was suggested that

Jennifer should be nominated to serve as editor for 2005.

### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **1. AUDITING COMMITTEE–Keshav Setaram**

No report was given.

#### **2. AWARDS–Mitch Morgan**

No report was given.

#### **3. BY-LAWS**

No report was given.

#### **4. FINANCIAL–Keshav Setaram**

No report was given.

#### **5. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

No report was given.

#### **6. HISTORICAL**

No report was given.

#### **7. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS–Bill Torres**

No report was given. President Weinsier stated the contract for the 2004 annual training conference in Deerfield Beach has been signed. The Hilton quoted the same price for the 2006 conference, however a contract has not been signed at this time. President Weinsier stated he has received some negative feedback regarding the location of this year's conference. The conference location for 2005 was discussed briefly. Members of the board suggested having the 2005 conference at Cocoa Beach, St. Petersburg or Daytona Beach. Members of the board suggested having the next board of director's meeting at St. Petersburg to view the facilities.

#### **8. MAILING LIST–Jackie Smith**

Jackie reported she needs the names and addresses of members to be added to the mailing list from David Farr. David will send the information to Jackie as soon as possible. President Weinsier stated an individual has requested a copy of the mailing list. It was decided at the 3rd quarter BOD meeting to sell the membership list for \$500. Once the payment has been received, the membership list will be sent to the individual.

#### **9. MERCHANDISING–Jackie Smith**

No report was given. There was a discussion about providing a registration gift for the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) annual meeting at Tampa in July. PJ Myers made a motion that FAPMS provide a registration gift for the APMS annual meeting. The motion received a second from Vicki Pontius. The motion passed unanimously. Suggestions for the registration gift included a T-shirt or clipboard. Jackie will acquire prices and provide the board estimates at the next quarterly meeting.

#### **10. NOMINATING—PJ Myers**

PJ asked for suggestions for nominating individuals for the board of directors.

#### **11. PAST PRESIDENT ADVISORY—PJ Myers**

No report was given.

#### **12. PROGRAM**

No report was given. President Weinsier stated at this time there is not a committee chair for the program. Vicki Pontius volunteered to assist with the program however she does not want to chair the committee. Members of the board suggested Jim Cuda, John Rodgers or Polly Ellinor to chair the program committee. Tim Harris volunteered to serve on a committee and was nominated to serve as the chair of the program committee. Chance Dubose will also assist with the program.

#### **13. MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY—Keshav Setaram**

No report was given. Keshav stated he will contact the organizations mentioned earlier in the meeting regarding the possibility of having a joint meeting. He also stated he will contact the North Lake Management Society to determine if the organization will authorize reprinting some of the articles published in their newsletters. Jackie will send the post cards for membership renewals. President Weinsier will provide each member of the board some membership brochures. He has a limited number, therefore it may be necessary to upgrade and reprint the brochures.

#### **14. EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION**

No report was given. President Weinsier stated there is not a committee chair for the equipment demonstration. Members of the board suggested Dean Jones or Jack Anderson to chair the resource demonstration committee.

#### **15. SCHOLARSHIP—Don Doggett**

There was a discussion about donating money to the scholarship foundation. Todd Olson commented the finances of the Society on a yearly basis should be considered prior to donating money to the scholarship foundation. Steve Smith made a motion to address donating money to the scholarship foundation at the 1st quarterly BOD meeting every year. Vicki Pontius seconded the motion. President Weinsier asked if there was any discussion prior to voting on the motion. Vicki Pontius commented before determining the amount to be donated, the board should keep in mind that funds are committed for purchasing a registration gift for the APMS annual meeting. After a lengthy discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Vicki Pontius made a motion to contribute \$1,250 to the scholarship foundation for fiscal year 2003. Todd Olson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion regarding the lack of applicants for scholarships. Angie Huebner suggested placing the announcement of scholarships available on the FAPMS website.

#### **16. VENDOR—Lonnie Pell**

Lonnie commented a place for credit card numbers should be added to the vendor form. He also stated some individuals suggested moving the merchandise table to the exhibit area. This will minimize activity outside the presentation room.

#### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

The Society was asked by the President of the Aquatic Plant Management Society to submit a letter regarding supporting the nomination of Jeff Schardt to the National Invasive Species Council. Keshav Setaram made a motion to submit a letter supporting the nomination of Jeff Schardt to the National Invasive Species Council. Todd Olson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion regarding the increasing insurance rates private applicators are paying and the type of support FAPMS should provide to the applicators regarding addressing the insurance companies. It was determined to table the topic until the next meeting and have the committee that was formed to address the issue to provide a recommendation to the BOD at the next quarterly meeting.

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Lonnie Pell suggested having a slide show during the breaks at the annual training conference to show photos of the week's activities. Another suggestion was to show historical photographs during the breaks. There was a discussion about acquiring the CEUs for the annual training conference. Vicki Pontius commented Laura Powell would probably assist with acquiring the CEUs.

#### **SITE SELECTION**

It was suggested to have the 2nd Quarter 2004 FAPMS Board of Directors Meeting at the St. Petersburg Hilton. The date and time was not determined at the meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Angie Huebner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm.

# FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS—FAPMS 2004 MEETING

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual training conference will be held at the Hilton Deerfield Beach in Boca Raton October 17 through 20, 2004. You don't have to be a professional speaker in order to give a paper! We are looking for papers on herbicide application and mechanical techniques (aquatic and right-of-way), mixtures, innovative control measures, re-vegetation projects, new plant introductions, research projects, etc. Remember FAPMS was formed for the applicator, and the annual training conference is a chance to share what you have learned with other members. Each year the society awards all field applicators who present a paper with a plaque. This year the field applicator presenting the best paper will receive a plaque and \$300.

**NOTE: DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JULY 12, 2004**

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Title of Talk & Brief Abstract: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Biography of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NOTE: Length of talk is usually 15 minutes. If your presentation is shorter or longer, please indicate the length of talk:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ minutes

Check as appropriate: ☐ Applicator paper ☐ Slide projector ☐ Overhead projector (transparencies) ☐ Video projector

☐ Computer (PowerPoint) Other needs \_\_\_\_\_

**The preferred format for talks will be with PowerPoint.** Anyone needing assistance with the preparation of a PowerPoint presentation may contact David Sutton, 3205 College Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314, or e-mail: dlsutton@ufl.edu.

**Submit this form to:** Tim Harris, 602 N. Palm Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177, or fax to (386) 328-1298.



# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society Scholarship And Research Foundation Inc. announces the availability of the following scholarships.

**FAPMS DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP**—provides up to a \$1,500 scholarship to deserving dependents of FAPMS members. The scholarship is based on:

1. The applicant's parent or guardian having been a FAPMS member in good standing for at least three (3) consecutive years.
2. Financial need. Will be determined based on need and the expected family contribution amount indicated on the processing results of a Student Aid Report (OMB No. 1845-0008). This report is available by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid Federal Form.
3. The applicant being a high school senior entering college the next academic year, attending junior college or be a college undergraduate.
4. An evaluation of the quality of the application and required essay by the Scholarship Selection committee composed of three FAPMS members and four FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation members.
5. Submission of a completed application by June 1, 2004.

**WILLIAM L. MAIER JR. SCHOLARSHIP**—provides up to \$1,000 to a deserving student who is:

1. Enrolled in an accredited Florida University or College.
2. A U.S. citizen.
3. Majoring in a field of study directly related to the management of aquatic vegetation for the ecological benefit of aquatic and wetland habits. Eligible fields of study are listed in the application packet.
4. The quality of the application and required 500-1000 word essay as determined by the FAPMS Scholarship and Research Foundation's Board of Directors.
5. Submission of a completed application by August 1, 2004.

For further information or to request an application to apply for the above scholarships please contact Don Doggett, PO Box 60005, Ft. Myers, Florida, 33906, (239)-694-2174. If requesting an application **please specify as to which scholarship you are applying.**

## The FAPMS Web Site Has A New Look!

Visit the website at [www.fapms.org](http://www.fapms.org) to find out the latest information about the 2004 annual training conference, available scholarships and membership benefits.

A photo album for the 2003 annual training conference as well as new information has been posted to the website. Send questions and comments regarding the website via email to [fapms@earthlink.net](mailto:fapms@earthlink.net).





# What's New



The Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation has published two new documents. You can log on to <http://www.aquatics.org> to view the following documents:

- Best Management Practices Handbook for Aquatic Plant Management in Support of Fish and Wildlife Habitat
- Economic Impact of Aquatic Weeds (literature review)

Visit the new "Plant Management in Florida Waters" website at <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/guide>. This is a website for members of the public who are interested in plant management activities. It is a collaboration of the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants, University of Florida and the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Visit the melaleuca TAME web site at <http://tame.ifas.ufl.edu/html/publications.htm> to view *Offshoots*. The Invasive Plant Research Laboratory, a unit of the US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, is publishing the *Offshoots* report. The report is published as needed and will contain information about research, recent accomplishments, new biological control agents, upcoming field tours and the status of demonstration sites.



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Membership includes four issues of *Aquatics* and the *Newsletter*. Annual dues are \$20.00.

Mail check, payable to FAPMS, to	David Farr East Volusia Mosquito Control 801 South Street New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168	Phone: 386-424-2920 Fax: 386-424-2924
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**Please note:** If you need to change, correct, or check on your membership, please e-mail Jackie Smith at [jackie.c.smith@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:jackie.c.smith@dep.state.fl.us)

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**HELP WANTED:** Chief executive of large western state. No experience necessary, no education necessary, no qualifications of any kind required.

## Classified Advertising

Due to popular demand from the FAPMS membership, the newsletter will have a classified advertisement section. Advertisement in this section will be four lines and the cost will be \$25.00. Place your advertisement in the next newsletter by contacting Angie Huebner by phone at 863-983-8101 or by e-mail at [Angie.L.Huebner@usace.army.mil](mailto:Angie.L.Huebner@usace.army.mil)

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**April 20-22, 2004**

Florida Vegetation Management Association Annual Meeting  
Adam's Mark Hotel, Daytona Beach, FL  
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**April 21, 2004**

FAPMS 2nd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting  
St. Petersburg Hilton  
10:00 a.m.

**April 28-30, 2004**

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council 20th Annual Symposium &  
Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council 6th Annual Symposium  
Clarion Suites & Convention Center, Pensacola Beach, Florida  
www.fleppc.org

**May 3-7, 2004**

2004 Aquatic Weed Control Short Course  
Fort Lauderdale Marriott North, Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/aw/>

**Jul 11-14, 2004**

44th Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society  
Hyatt Regency, Tampa, Florida  
www.apms.org

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