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The members of this Society will doubtless be interested in learning the details of the formation of a sister society with a much more restricted sphere, viz., The Pacific Fisheries Society.

On March 11, 1914, a meeting of those interested in the upbuilding and perpetuating of the great fisheries of the Pacific slope was held in Seattle, Wash., and it was decided to form a temporary organization and to hold a meeting later in the year for the purpose of making the organization a permanent one. The constitution of this Society, with the exception of a few slight changes necessitated by the present smallness of the membership, was adopted.

The following officers were elected to serve temporarily: President, Carl Westerfeld, California Fish and Game Commission, San Francisco, Cal.; Vice-President, Henry O'Malley, Pacific Coast Superintendent of Hatcheries for U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, Seattle, Wash.; Vice-President, Prof. Trevor Kincaid, Head of the Department of Zoology, University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.; Secretary, John N. Cobb, Editor of the Pacific Fisherman, Seattle, Wash., and Treasurer, Russell Palmer, Seattle, Wash.

The first annual meeting was held at the University of Washington, in Seattle, on June 10-12, 1914, and was attended by over 50 of the 126 members on the rolls of the Society on June 10. A number of interesting and instructive papers were read by the members, not the least important of which was one by Dr. H. M. Smith, U. S. Commissioner of Fisheries, who came to the coast especially to attend this meeting, and who was unanimously elected an honorary member.

The Society voted to retain for another year the officers elected at the March meeting, and in addition the following, to serve as an executive committee: Dr. Barton W. Evermann, Director of the Museum of the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Cal.; C.
McLean Fraser, Director of the Biological Laboratory, Nanaimo, British Columbia; Dr. Charles F. Holder, Pasadena, California; Leslie H. Darwin, Washington Fish and Game Commissioner, Seattle, Wash.; M. J. Kinney, Oregon Fish and Game Commission, Portland, Oregon; Ward T. Bower, Pacific Coast Agent U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, Seattle, Wash., and M. D. Baldwin, Montana Fish and Game Commission, Kalispell, Montana.

It was also decided to hold the next annual meeting in San Francisco in 1915, the date to be fixed later.

The geographical boundaries of the Society are restricted to the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho and Montana, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii, in the United States, and the Province of British Columbia in Canada.