

**SDAFS Small Impoundments Technical Committee
Conference Call
February 13, 2018**

Members/ Guest in attendance were:

- 1) Graves Lovell – Alabama DCNR – Chair
- 2) Matt Marshall – Alabama DCNR
- 3) Dane Balsman – Kentucky DFWR
- 4) Keith Meals – Ole Miss
- 5) Steve Owens – Virginia DGIF
- 6) Marcos DeJesus – Texas PW

INTRODUCTION – ROLE CALL

FINANCIAL REVIEW

- \$1,452.15 as of 1/19/17
- + \$78.04 Small Impoundment book royalty 7/11/17
- \$1,530.19 as of 2/13/18 BB&T Bank

Introduction/Old Business

- Graves gave brief history of small impoundments committee. Past projects include Small Impoundment Management in North America textbook. Current emphasis placed on need for further research pertaining to small impoundments.

Website

- Dane made updates to small impoundments committee website and migrated information from old defunct website. Please advise on any changes or updates needed.

STATE UPDATES

- Alabama, Virginia, Texas, Mississippi and Kentucky gave state updates. See attached 2018 state updates for additional information.

Research Discussion

- Evaluation of Shoreline Rotenone to Control Largemouth Bass Recruitment in Small Impoundments. (Presentation of work with by Coleman, Catalano, Lovell, and Wright).
- Other projects ongoing: include work by Catalano stocking threadfin shad/forage to improve bass growth. Research of management actions for aging ponds that are bass crowded; what works and does not work/ground truthing. Funding and interest is limited at this time to pursue additional research projects.
- No additional research projects planned at this time.

Future Small Impoundment Committee Plans

- Southern Division Meeting being held January 24-27, 2019 in Galveston Texas. This meeting should be well attended and plans are to hold small impoundments symposium. Committee needs to look into publishing proceedings from symposium. Try to involve private sector/fish managers. Marcos is taking the lead and is conducting some initial investigating. He will get back with committee. A follow up conference call is planned as more details become available. Questions or comments regarding symposium should be directed to Marcos at this time.
- New president? Graves is stepping aside after 3 years. Nominating process? Need quorum to proceed? Need to investigate further and find candidate.
- Need to update representative list. SC and WV currently have vacancies.

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