

Report of the Meeting of the Trout Stream Subcommittee  
of the Forest Game Committee  
Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society

The following constitutes a summary of actions recommended by the Subcommittee at its meeting in Asheville, North Carolina, on October 24, 1966:

1. The Subcommittee agreed that it should be reappointed as a full standing committee of the Southern Division of the Fisheries Society. Such a committee will continue to work with emphasis on trout streams, but membership should be broadened to include representatives from South Carolina, Maryland, and Arkansas. If reappointment is not approved, the Subcommittee should remain as is. Ripley is to contact various parties to request this shift.

2. Since the three stream "categories" (as reported in the 1965 Subcommittee report) are essentially of an administrative nature rather than based on a general set of biological criteria, they should not be used in the stream classification. Their use is of principal value to administration but cannot be used as a standard

3. It was agreed that the work should continue, based on this "biological" stream classification, and a letter will be sent to the Fish and Game Department of each State involved (copies to the respective Subcommittee representatives), requesting data on the (1) present, and (2) potential mileage of streams in each of the four "classes" listed in the 1965 Subcommittee report. Each State involved will be requested to compute the mileage by delineating the portions of

each stream in each category on maps of 1:250,000 scale<sup>1/</sup> or larger scale. States electing to do this can forward their maps to Ripley, and the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station will compute the mileage from the completed maps if the States so desire. It is hopeful that this work would be completed by spring 1967. Where existing data are adequate or map data are available, these, of course, will be used.

4. A prospectus entitled "Determining the Aesthetic Value and Contribution of Alternative Uses of Wild Land and Water Resources to Individuals and Society--A Case Study of the Southern Appalachian Trout Fishery" was submitted to the Subcommittee for discussion. No action was taken, but the group apparently favors the study and will support its installation and assist in its conduct.

5. Roger Barnhart requested that the Committee appoint his replacement, because he is moving to California. He recommended that Frank Richardson (BSFW) be appointed in his stead. The Committee also will request appointment of Jim Heston (Coop. Fisheries Unit at Raleigh).

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<sup>1/</sup> Excellent maps of this scale can be obtained from the Map Information Office, U.S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. 20242, for 75¢ each.