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To: Trout Committee Members
From: John L. Boaze, Chairman
Subject: Minutes of Trout Committee Meeting 5/25 - 5/27/83

The first meeting of the Trout Committee in 1983 was held in Cherokee, NC, and was hosted by John L. Boaze. Attached is a copy of the attendees.

Old and Ongoing Projects

The first order of business concerned the evaluation of the one half wild brown trout stocked in November 1983 in selected streams in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Bill Bonner (NC) reported that the fish stocked in his state appear to have had very limited survival based on recent samples. He plans to conduct additional samplings on these streams this summer. There was no report from South Carolina and Georgia on this project.

It was the concensus of the group that this project be continued in future years. Although no half wild brown trout will be available for 1983 stockings, plans call for additional stockings in 1984. A total of 12,500 half wild and a comparable number of domestic strain brown trout will be needed for 1984. The division of these fish by states is as follows:

TN	2500	ea.
KY	1500	ea.
NC	1500	ea.
SC	1500	ea.
GA	1500	ea.
VA	4000	ea.
	<u>12,500</u>	

Bob Wollitz (VA) indicated that his state could supply the domestic brown trout and that he would need to know by September of October, 1983, the number of fish needed. North Carolina will be able to supply the half wild brown trout (Wilson Creek strain) with Tennessee helping out with half wild fish also (Slick Rock strain).

It was agreed that the committee chairman would contact Rich Fatora trying to summarize all the information available to date concerning the stocking program.

Don Estes led the discussion concerning the brook trout bibliography. The format of the publication was discussed at length. Don agreed to handle the mailing of the finished publication and the receipt of any comments from the public concerning the publication. It was agreed that each state would review the computer printouts of the bibliography to make sure that all of their D-J projects were included and provide comments to Don by June 15. The bibliography will be sent to the printer by July 1 and a tentative distribution date was set for August 1. Doug Peterson (TN) will do the title page for the bibliography, and Ron Pasch (VA) will talk with Ben Jaco about ways to secure \$100 to \$150 to pay someone to assist Don Estes in proof reading and verifying the publication prior to it being sent to the printer.

Monte Seehorn (Forest Service) agreed to talk with Trout Unlimited about funding for a second brook trout bibliography which will contain abstracts of the cited publications.

As part of the ongoing evaluation of various trout regulations, Bill Bonner (NC) discussed his state's new trout regulations which came about as a result of a four year study of the trout waters within the state. These new regulations essentially simplify the stream classifications and allow for a creel and size limit based more on biological data rather than politics.

John Boaze explained the proposed change in the trout regulations the Cherokees are considering with regard to children which will allow children under the age of 12 years to fish for free when accompanied by a licensed adult; but the creel limit of both the child and adult would be restricted to one adult's creel limit of 10 trout.

Monte Seehorn (FS) asked about the new regulations for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The chairman informed the group that these regulations were at a standstill in the Park Service's Washington office. It seems that a member of Trout Unlimited from Knoxville, TN, did not like the regulations and therefore had succeeded in putting a stop to their implementation.

Another one of the committee's ongoing projects dealt with the use of AC electricity on fish. Garland Pardue and Randy Geddings were supposed to have looked into this matter. However, no progress was made last year. Garland will be moving to Washington, DC, in the near future, therefore, Mark Hudy (GA), Coop. Fish. Unit, volunteered to contact Randy and pursue this matter further.

Monte Seehorn requested that the members be notified of their assigned projects at some point in time during the year other than in the committee meeting minutes. It was agreed that this would be most helpful.

Following the discussion of the various ongoing projects, each member was given an opportunity to tell what they had been working on during the year.

New Business

Doug Peterson (TN) requested that the group go on record as supporting the D-J expansion bill that is now before Congress. It was agreed that this should be done and the chairman was instructed to write a letter of support concerning this legislation.

The committee then adjourned to partake of the fish fry and beer held at Collins Creek picnic area in the GSMNP.

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