

The spring meeting of the Southern Division of the Trout Committee met at Graves Mountain Lodge on 4/30/85. A list of those in attendance is attached.

The first order of business was a presentation by Monte Seehorn of the data from the half wild brown trout stocking experiment. Following the presentation it was the conclusion of the group that in order for this type of project to succeed, a project leader needs to be appointed in order to keep up with the data and to make sure that everyone is sampling their respective streams as scheduled. The committee decided to appoint a subcommittee to investigate the possibility of additional evaluations in various streams of the half wild brown trout stocked. Wayne Jones, NC, was appointed chairman of this subcommittee.

Other members are Larry Mohn, VA; Randy Geddings, SC; Russ England, GA; Gordon Sloane, US Forest Service; Gary Prather, KY. Following the trout committee meeting, this group met and a copy of their report is attached.

Don Estes reported that all copies of the brook trout bibliography had been distributed. If anyone desires additional copies, they may be obtained from the Fish & Wildlife ~~Service~~ Reference Service. The committee is continuing to try and locate funding (\$1,500) in order that an annotated brook trout bibliography ^{may} soon be published.

Under new business, each member of the committee gave a brief summary of their trout work of the past year. These summaries are as follows:

Mark Oliver, AR, reported that they are now stocking Snake River cutthroat trout in the White River tailwater. It appears that these fish are doing quite well with a state record of four pounds to date.

Great Smoky mtns N.P.

Jeanne Harsson, ~~Park Service~~, reported on the efforts to remove rainbow trout from brook trout populations. One stream, Desolation Creek, continues to support ^{only} brook trout five years after removal of the rainbow trout.

Gordon Sloane, US Forest Service, reported on the concentrated rainbow trout removal from brook trout streams in the Cherokee National Forest. This is an ongoing project which the FS plans to continue for several more years.

Monte Seehorn, US Forest Service. At the present time Monte's major project is to develop a model which relates fish habitat to land form and geology.

Wayne Jones, NC, reported that his state is in the process of evaluating new fishing regulations that went into effect approximately three years ago.

Russ England, GA, reported that the Lake Lenier trout fishery is declining. The reason for this decline is a reduction in the dissolved oxygen levels in the lake. He also reported that Georgia is in the process of evaluating Lake Russell, their newest large impoundment, as a possible two story fishery.

Blue Ridge Parkway
Larry Freeman, ~~National Park Service~~, Blue Ridge Parkway, reported that the major emphasis on the Parkway at this time is the development of a fishery management plan to cover the major waters within the Parkway boundary.

Don Phares, W. VA, reported on the efforts of his state to develop brown trout waters. It appears that they are getting good carryover of the brown trout but the rainbow and brook trout carryover is very limited.

Don Degan, Duke Power. Don's major work at this time is evaluating trout streams in South Carolina that would be impacted from the Bad Creek pump-storage-project. Other programs being conducted by Duke Power Co. include acid rain monitoring to determine its impact on the aquatic resources and an evaluation of various soil types to determine its ability to absorb acid rain.

Needless to say, most of the summaries for this year were very brief as most of the committee members were giving presentations at the workshop following the committee meeting.

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