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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 1988
TO: Trout Committee Members
FROM: Mark Hudy
Chairman
SUBJECT: MINUTES - TROUT COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 27-28, 1988

The spring meeting of the Trout Committee was held April 27-28, 1988, at the Hilton in Ashville, North Carolina prior to the Brown Trout Workshop. Jim Borawa, Wayne Jones and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission did an outstanding job as hosts of the meeting and workshop. After the traditional introduction of members, guests, general announcements, and fish stories, several old and new items of business were discussed.

The Brown Trout Workshop held after the Trout Committee meeting was a great success by any standards. Proceedings of the workshop, including panel discussions, will be published within the year. A special thanks are due to Jim Borawa, Wayne Jones and all Trout Committee members and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission employees who made the workshop a success.

OLD BUSINESS

Brown Trout Strain Evaluation - Jim Borawa gave a formal presentation and final report of the half-wild/domestic brown trout study. The problems of conducting valid strain evaluations using variable data sets from several states (different methods, hatcheries, etc.) was discussed. It was suggested that a paper be presented at the Southeastern utilizing as much old and new data as possible.

Agency Use of Exotic Salmonids and Trout Strains - Mark Hudy prepared a bibliography of strain literature and a state list of broodstock availability. A summary of management performance of each strain(s) commonly used in the southeast is still needed. Few studies, variable evaluation efforts and sketchy results make a summary paper not practical at this time.

Siltation Studies - The need for studies to document the effects of siltation on fish and invertebrate biomass were once again discussed. The critical need for these studies was discussed with Dr. Andy Dolloff and Dr. Pat Flebbe of the newly crested USDA Forest Service, Southeastern Forest Experiment Station at VPI, Blacksburg, Virginia.

NEW BUSINESS

Brown Trout Bibliography - A brown trout bibliography was prepared and distributed to members. It was suggested that an annotated version be prepared similar to the popular brook trout bibliography prepared by the Committee two years ago. Mark Hudy will contact Don Estes to see if Tennessee Tech can once again handle a project of this type.

Triploidy in Salmonids - Spence Turner has recently started an evaluation of triploid brown trout, preliminary results will be presented at the fall meeting. A triploidy bibliography was prepared and distributed to members.

Excom Committee Recommendations - Excom recommendations to form a Coldwater Streams Committee and disband the Trout Committee were discussed. It was believed that this type of change may not adequately cover the trout resources of the southeast (two-story, tailwater, spring creeks, etc.). The members in attendance were overwhelmingly against this proposed change. The chairman will contact the Excom Committee about the Committee's concerns.

Agency Reports - Members in attendance gave a brief synopsis of each agencies new projects, successes, and failures over the last year.

Wisconsin - Trout Management - Bob Hunt gave a very informative guest presentation on recent and past trout research and management in Wisconsin.

Time and Place 1989 Meeting - Jeff Durniak has graciously agreed to host the spring, 1989 meeting. More details will be available at the fall meeting.

**LIST OF ATTENDEES AT THE
TROUT COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 27-28, 1988**

MEMBERS:

John Boaze	Fisheries Consultant
Andy Dolloff	USFS
Jeff Durniak	GA
Pat Flebbe	USFS
Randy Geddings	SC
Duane Harrell	Duke Power
Mark Hudy	AR
Larry Mohn	VA
Steve Moore	GSMNP
Roger Schulz	USFWS
Ed Scott	TVA
Monte Seehorn	SFS
Douglas Stephens	KY
Bennet Wynne	NC

NON-MEMBERS:

Jim Borawa	NC
Bob Hunt	WI
Wayne Jones	NC