



American Fisheries Society

April 7, 1993

Memorandum

To: Southern Division of American Fisheries Society Trout Committee Members

From: Chairman, SDAFS Trout Committee

Subject: Spring Meeting

The spring meeting of the Trout Committee will be held May 13, 1993, with travel days of May 12-14, in Cherokee, North Carolina, and will begin at 8:30 a.m. To facilitate travel plans, lodging and other information was sent out by John Boaze. He is also planning a social for Thursday night.

During the business meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in February, the committee decided on a slightly different format for the spring meeting. We will start with a round table discussion of ongoing projects, but remarks should be limited to five minutes because we have several things to accomplish. Next, I would like for us to discuss pertinent topics in cold-water fisheries management and research. To meet this goal, I need to receive from each of you, one topic that is "hot" within the agency or that is near and dear to you. For example, damage to salmonid fishes by electrofishing is a topic of particular interest to me. This issue has become a national topic and I think we need to be proactive to determine how much damage, if any, is occurring in the Southeast. What data is available, what data do we need, and how can it be acquired? What do we as a committee need to do? Another topic I have heard mentioned are forestry practices on private lands. Should they be given the same attention as those on federal lands? Others include stocking in wild trout waters, regulations (i.e., bait versus artificial), and sedimentation and acid rain impacts. Also, it has been suggested that we consider expanding our focus to include other aspects of cold water stream communities. Once I have the responses (by April 30, 1993), I will compile them and send a list to each of you so you can be thinking about them. During the meeting, I will ask the person who forwarded the topic to initiate the discussion.

Old Business

I opened Pandora's Box in February by asking what constituted a quorum and will report on my findings at the meeting.

East Coast II - If you have thoughts on topics or format, I would like to hear them in May.

Discussion of Spence Turner's suggestion for a workshop pertaining to "The Role of Wild and Hatchery Trout in Southeastern Streams" was postponed until this meeting. We need to decide on how to proceed on this topic.

New Business

Bill Fisher, Chairman, Warm Water Streams Committee, contacted me and asked if the Trout Committee would be interested in co-sponsoring a symposium on "The Value of Southeastern Streams." I told him I would ask the committee and get back to him.

This meeting will prove to be interesting to all of us. John and I need to know by April 30 if you plan to attend so we can finalize arrangements for the meeting room and social. I hope to see each of you in Cherokee.

Stephen E. Moore

TROUT COMMITTEE AGENDA

8:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

8:40 **Old Business**

- Vote on number of members to constitute a quorum
- East Coast II (planned for 1995)- Northeast division AFS has agreed to co-host with the possibility of Penn State being the meeting location. Need input on format and topics.
- Spencer Turner has offered Missouri for the 1994 meeting and has suggested a workshop focusing on **"The Role of Wild and Hatchery Trout in Southeastern Streams"**. Action was delayed until the spring meeting. Need to discuss and make a decision.

9:00 **New Business**

- Bill Fisher, Chairman, Warmwater Streams Committee, contacted me and asked if the trout committee would be interested in co-sponsoring a symposium on **"The Value of Southeastern Streams"**. Objectives would be to evaluate the economic and sociological values and to attempt to quantify harvest from all types of streams. Need thoughts and ideas.
- Election of Secretary-Treasurer

ROUND TABLE

9:30 Don Phares, WV

9:35 Monte Seehorn, USFS

9:40 John Boaze, Fish and Wildlife Consultants

9:45 Jeff Durniak, GA

9:50 Jim Borawa, NC

9:55 Hugh Barwick, Duke Power

10:00 BREAK

10:15 Jim Habera, U.T.

10:20 Larry Mohn, VA

10:25 Danny Scott, TN
10:30 Spencer Turner, MO
10:35 Howard Stinesfelt, MD
10:40 Dan Wilson, KY
10:45 Cindy Williams, USFS
10:50 Mark Hudy, USFS
10:55 Donnely Hill, USFS
11:00 Dennis Baxter, TVA
11:05 Randy Gettings, SC
11:10-12:00 Newcomers and/or Hot Topics
12:00-1:00 LUNCH
1:00-5:00 Hot Topics

(Lunch 11:45 - 12:45)

~~John Smith~~

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Trout Committee Members

FROM: Jeff Durniak, GADNR Representative

SUBJECT: Georgia Update for May Trout Committee Meeting

Below is a brief summary of recent coldwater fisheries-related work by Georgia DNR to supplement my brief oral presentation. If you would like more details on any matter, feel free to contact me (706-947-3112) or the identified project leader.

- * Game and Fish Division's central (Atlanta) office has moved east to new facility at Walton (Gennings, Hess, Coomer, 404-918-6404).
- * Completion of a trout stream easement feasibility study (Durniak).
- * Completion of study evaluating three stocking rates for fingerling brown trout in the Lake Lanier Tailwater (John Biagi, 404-918-6418).
- * Adoption and implementation by G&F and Environmental Protection divisions of "Riparian Area Protection Plan for Trout Waters." Document justifies hard line stance on 100 foot buffer to land disturbing activities along trout streams created by 1989 Amended Erosion Control Act (Durniak).
- * Increased production of fingerling brown trout by Walhalla NFH for GADNR fall stockings. We are hoping to improve fisheries, especially for "quality" size (> 12 inches) fish, in lower stream sections impacted by sedimentation and occasional high summer water temps (Durniak).
- * March snowstorm downed lots of timber. Input of LWD into trout streams across north Georgia should be beneficial for trout (Durniak, Seehorn: 404-536-0541).
- * Waters Creek trophy (fed) trout stream double-whammied by November tornado and March snowstorm. While angler access was severely impacted, the fish should benefit from a massive "stream structure" project. GADNR recommended to USFS to leave timber in the creek, while OK to harvest in responsible manner in riparian zone (timber sale money hopefully used to stabilize and improve access road for users). Durniak, Seehorn.
- * Two years (91,92) of fish density and biomass data collected by GADNR and USFS for wild trout stream monitoring project (Durniak).
- * Trout stocking allocation study initiated. Mail survey to 47 states, with 30 responses so far. Georgia stream rating system being developed, based on stream access, proximity to population centers, land ownership patterns, fishing pressure, stream habitat, and stocked trout harvest (tag returns). Gary Beisser, 706-629-1259.
- * Brown and rainbow trout: lethal water temperature study (lab) to be initiated in FY94 (Biagi).
- * Proposed Georgia trout angler survey (mail), to be initiated in FY94 (Durniak).
- * Continuing close working relationship with USFS and Trout Unlimited to maintain trout habitat and to educate the public on stream and watershed protection (stream structure projects, aquatic education displays, kids fishing days, volunteer help with shocking and stocking). Durniak, Beisser, Seehorn.