



Morone Technical Committee

Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society



Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2026
New Orleans, LA

Chair – Stephen Stang
Secretary – Kelsey Roberts
Treasurer – Jake Norman

- 1) Welcome
 - 2) Determination of quorum and state introductions
 - a. A quorum was determined
 - b. New members – Kyle Rempe (GA), Dan Bennett (TX)
 - c. Dan Bennett (TX) is the new Treasurer
 - d. Motion to approve 2025 meeting minutes, approved
 - 3) Treasurer's report (Jake Norman)
 - a. >\$10,000 through Edward Jones, balance has grown
 - 4) Old Business
 - a. Motion to approve 2025 meeting minutes, approved
 - b. SNP Panel Discussion
 - Sean Lusk (AR) provided an update for the panel; all-species panel should be available in three to five weeks. CAT Lab can do PBT for hybrids, Gulf vs Atlantic strain, and Yellow Bass. They want to advertise, so spread the word! For hybrids, they only need Striped Bass females, no White Bass.
 - TN sent 100 offspring clips and 1 female Striped Bass parent, costing \$625 and had a 6-week turnaround time. Appears to be a large variation in cost per sample.
 - AR, OK, and FL, possibly VA, are planning to use the panel in the next year
- Action Item:** Communicate with the Morone Committee members before sending samples to possibly combine samples or to compare prices.
- 5) New Business
 - a. SDAFS President's message (Jessica Baumann)
 - Working to improve the changeover process and internal logistics for ExCom, and communication with committees.
 - b. State Reports
 - Complete state reports can be found on our [website](#).
 - Sean Lusk will be stepping down as committee representative.

- i. During Sean's update, he discussed a project where they tested the report rate for rewards by handing out business cards with instructions on how to claim \$100. The claim rate was still low, suggesting that tag rewards need to be increased to claim 100% report rate for high-reward tags.
- c. Data sharing platforms
 - Discussed continuing to work on and publish the online table on our website. Decided this table should mainly be used as a tool for biologists.
 - Discussed ways to share grey literature, possibly through a Teams channel.

Action Item: Decide who will update and maintain the table. Explore using Teams or other options for grey literature sharing.

6) Adjourn