



**Catfish Management Technical Committee**  
*American Fisheries Society - Southern Division*

**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 20, 2020**

**Little Rock Marriott, Little Rock, Arkansas**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm CMT and a roll call of the SDAFS Catfish Management Technical Committee members was conducted by Aaron Bunch. It was determined that a quorum was not met; the meeting was called to order.

*Officers:*

Chair - Aaron Bunch (Clemson U)

Chair Elect - Kris Bodine (TX)

Secretary/Treasurer - Joe McMullen (MO)

Webmaster - Dan Shoup (OSU)

*State representatives participating:*

Justin Homan (AR), Jason Herrala (KY), Joe McMullen (MO), Ben Ricks (NC), Jeremy Duck (OK), Eric Ganus (TN), Kris Bodine (TX)

*Members and guests:*

Chelsea Tucker (AGFC), Jason Olive (AGFC), Morgan Winstead (INHS), Chris Brooke (MDC), Zach Ford (MDC), Craig Paukert (MU), Mike Thomas (MU), Tom Kwak (NCSU), Bobby Cope (NCSU), Graham Montague (OSU), Geoff Smith (PFBC), Cameron Goble (SDGFP), BJ Schall (SDGFP), Corbin Hilling (VTU), Cory Hartman (WVDNR), Katie Zipfel (WVDNR).

*Welcome:*

Aaron Bunch introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Catfish Management Technical Committee meeting. Attendee introductions ensued. An agenda was distributed and finalized.

*Old Business:*

The 2019 meeting minutes are available for review on the website and need to be approved; no comments have been received.

**\*Kris Bodine will send out the 2019 Meeting Minutes to Committee Members to be approved.**

**\*Dan Shoup will upload the 2019 Meeting Minutes to the website once approved.**

*New Business:*

Arron Bunch turned the Chair and the meeting over to Kris Bodine.

*Treasurer's Report*

Joe McMullen discussed financial details from the committee's BB&T Bank Account. As of 1 February 2020, Committee funds include \$8,490.10 and Catfish 2020 funds include \$32,207.23 on deposit in various accounts. Account totals include: Checking (0171) - \$1, Savings (0479) - \$32,696.33, and Certificate of Deposit (9964) - \$8,000. The only Committee expense of 2019 was \$500 for the Catfish Management Scholarship Award which was given to Bobby Cope. Interest earned in 2019 included \$729.24 from CDs and Savings accounts. The Committee's 2018 tax information was submitted to Jess Baumann (SDAFS Secretary/Treasurer) on 18 March 2019.

*Webmaster's Report*

Dan Shoup updated the group on the Committee's website. Literature forwarded by the membership has been uploaded to the website. The list of journal articles is getting very long, making items difficult to find. The original intent behind uploading literature to the website was to make grey literature such as state reports accessible, but currently 90 percent of the content posted is peer reviewed, journal articles. Given that most journal articles are accessible via other outlets, perhaps there is not a need to include them on our website. Discussion amongst the group ensued. A suggestion was made that we determine usage by looking at how many hits these items had gotten. Breaking literature up into separate categories (e.g., journal articles vs. grey literature) and/or sorting the list(s) chronologically as opposed to alphabetically could make searching the list easier. Entering content into a spreadsheet may be helpful as well. The group also discussed the possibility of uploading proceedings from Catfish 2000 and Catfish 2010. The Committee may need permission from AFS to upload the proceedings, but we could ask for a 'donation' (contact Aaron Learner or Doug Austin to inquire).

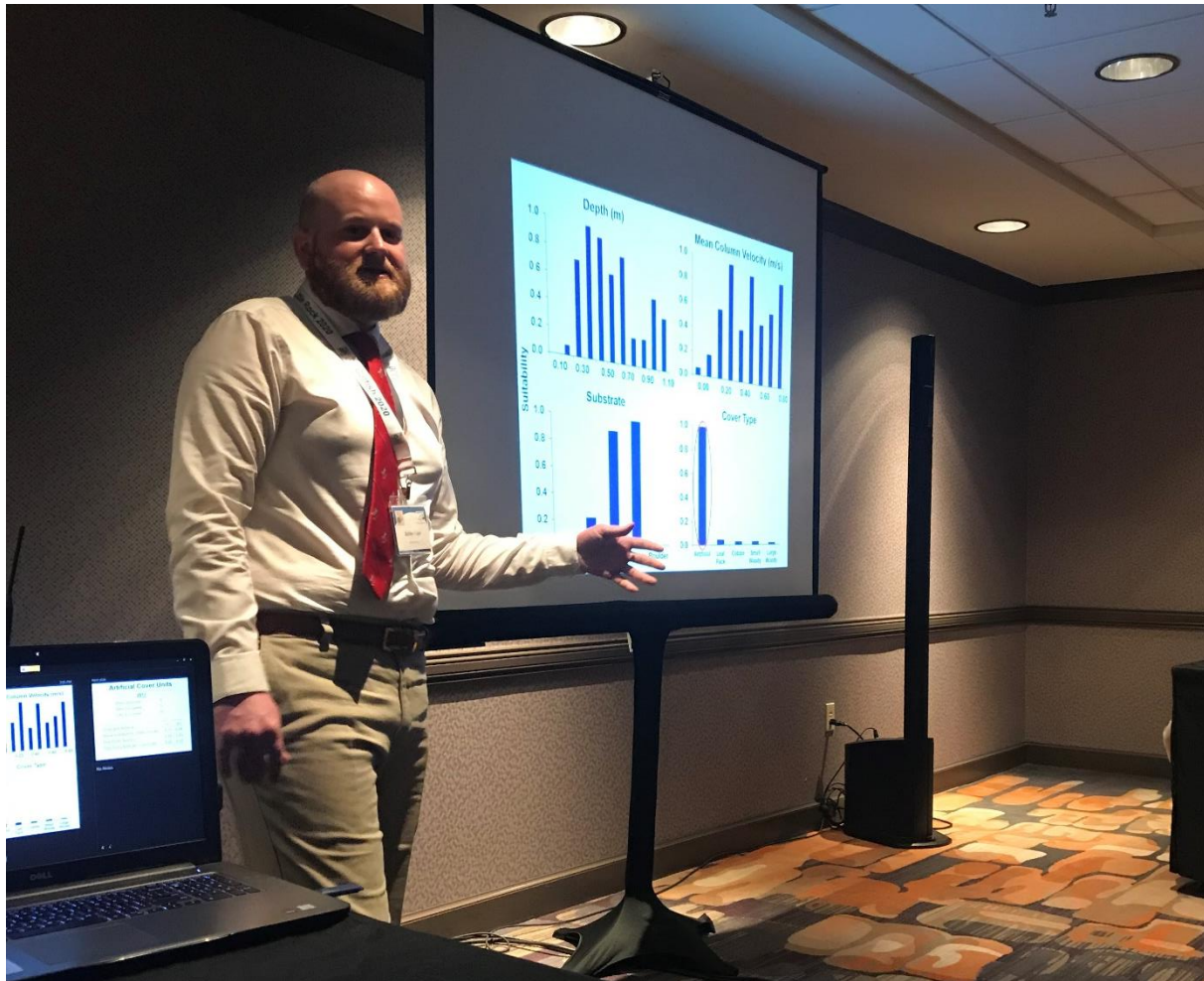
**\*Dan Shoup will reach out to the membership to request more grey literature.**

**\*Kris Bodine will contact Aaron Learner or Doug Austin to inquire about a 'donation' from AFS that would allow the Committee to post proceedings from Catfish 2000 and Catfish 2010 to the Committee website.**

**\*Dan Shoup will contact SDAFS to update the CMTC Chair listed on their website.**

*Catfish Management Scholarship Award:*

Bobby Cope (North Carolina State University) was presented with the Catfish Management Scholarship Award by Kris Bodine. The 2020 award was increased to \$500 to account for the additional cost of attending Catfish 2020. Bobby presented his research to the Committee - *Genetic structure and diversity of the endemic Carolina Madtom and conservation implications*.



**Bobby Cope, recipient of the Catfish Management Scholarship Award, presents his work (*Genetic structure and diversity of the endemic Carolina Madtom and conservation implications*) to the SDAFS Catfish Management Technical Committee.**

### *Catfish 2020:*

Jason Olive updated the group on Catfish 2020. The symposium had 200 registrants and 80 oral presentations. Income will likely meet or exceed expenses; profits will be split evenly between the SDAFS and NCD committees. The group briefly discussed the prospect of Catfish 2030 and potential themes (e.g., surveys of angler attitudes/preferences and creels).

### *Proceedings:*

Tom Kwak updated the group on publishing proceedings of Catfish 2020. A student is being sought to process podcasts of oral presentations. There is a need for the proceedings to be searchable but AFS may not publish written proceedings and offer a digital/searchable version. Manuscripts will be published in a special issue of NAJFM and each registrant should receive a hard copy. The Committee budgeted for 300-350 pages. Fifty manuscripts have been submitted and it is anticipated that around 45 will be accepted which should fit into one issue. There is a need for reviewers.

### *Workshops:*

Kris Bodine updated the group on the three workshops being hosted by the Committee:

- 1) Population Modeling, Hosted by Mike Allen and Warren Schlechte
- 2) Aging, Hosted by John Tibbs, Dave Buckmeier, and Robert Colombo
- 3) Catfish Creel, Hosted by Mark Kaemingk, Kevin Pope, Chris Chizinski, and Keith Hurley.

Instructors have donated their time to host these workshops and we are great full for their service! The modeling workshop still has 10-12 spots available and the ageing workshop is almost full.

### *Awards:*

Kris Bodine presented plaques for Jerry Brown and Eric Ganus for their service as Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.

### *Nominations:*

There is need for nominations for Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.

**\*Kris Bodine will email the membership to ask for nominations.**

### *State Reports:*

Written summaries of reports were sent to Aaron Bunch via email prior to the meeting. Brief state reports were given by some state representatives.

**\*Dan Shoup will upload 2020 state reports to the Committee website.**

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*Adjourn:*

Kris Bodine adjourned the meeting.