

Report Of The Trout Committee  
Of The Southern Section Of The American Fisheries Society  
Baltimore, Maryland

The Trout Committee met at Tellico Plains, Tennessee on September 4-5, 1968. Members of the committee attending this meeting were Claude Hastings (Chairman--Georgia), Price Wilkins (Tennessee), Jack Sheridan (USFWS), Frank Richardson (USFWS), Donald Archer (South Carolina), Monte Seehorn (USFS), and Robert Baker (Arkansas).

Members of this group questioned the validity of previous standards of classification of trout streams and new standards were recommended. The new classifications follow:

Class I: Flowing streams or portions of streams possessing stream-produced trout populations.

Class II: Flowing streams or portions of streams capable of holding trout long enough to support a fishery.

Tailwater classifications were also recommended. They follow:

Class I: Tailwaters capable of supporting trout throughout the year.

Class II: Tailwaters capable of supporting trout long enough to support a fishery.

Price Wilkins, Frank Richardson, and Donald Archer were appointed as sub-committee members to study the trout stream preservation category classification system (developed by this committee in 1964) to determine if any portion of this system should be retained. Price Wilkins was appointed chairman of this sub-

committee.

A long discussion was held concerning the PL 566 program and its effects upon trout fisheries. Evidence was given at this meeting showing the detrimental effects of impoundments on trout stream fisheries. It was the concert of members of this committee that State Conservation Agencies should ask for laws requiring the notification to State Agencies by the supporters of PL 566 programs of proposed watershed programs at the time of first application to the State Soil and Water Conservation Committees.

A sub-committee was appointed to study possibilities of standarizing trout stream survey methods. Members appointed to this sub-committee were Monte Seehorn (Chairman), Darrell Louder (North Carolina), James Henley (Kentucky) and David Woronecki (Maryland).

Another sub-committee was appointed to develop and present ideas for future studies by this committee. Persons assigned to this sub-committee were Jack Sheridan (Chairman), Dixie Shumate (Virginia), and Robert Baker.

Dan Talhelm (guest) from North Carolina State University presented details of a study he has completed in Tennessee concerning economic values of sport fishing--considering especially the time expended by fishermen. The data were not analyzed to the extent that findings and recommendations could be given at this meeting, but will be presented to this committee when completed. It is expected that the study will be continued

in Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia in 1969. The committee agreed to support this study as it progresses.

It was agreed by the committee that the presiding chairman should appoint a member each year to compile a complete list of the trout biologists in the States which are in the Southern Division. Frank Richardson was given this assignment for 1968.

Brief discussions were conducted on various projects of interest. Jack Sheridan discussed proposed reclamation of Rock Creek (Georgia), with Antimycin A. Frank Richardson reported on use of National Park Service trout streams. Price Wilkins discussed tailwater trout fisheries in Tennessee and a trout spawning channel project. Robert Baker commented on tailwater trout fisheries in Arkansas. Donald Archer discussed trout regulations in South Carolina. Richard Fatora (guest) discussed a trout stream watershed improvement research project in Georgia.

A field trip was conducted showing members and guests several things of interest. These included a fish barrier, stream alteration devices (constructed 1954) and a trout rearing station.