

REPORT  
SPRING TROUT COMMITTEE MEETING  
of the  
SOUTHERN DIVISION, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

Lakeview, Arkansas  
April 20-23, 1970

The Trout Committee convened its 1970 spring workshop session at Lakeview, Arkansas, on the afternoon of April 20 with a fish fry, hosted by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Chief of Fisheries Bill Mathis launched the session with a formal greeting. Mr. Lou Vogele provided some informative entertainment with an underwater film he is preparing on the spawning behavior of several species of centrachids in their natural habitat.

The next day, Wednesday the 21st, was devoted to observing the White River trout fishery by floating a twenty-mile section of the river. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission provided boats and guides for this expedition.

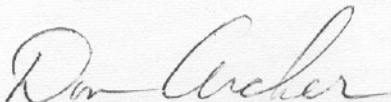
Thursday was spent in a formal session during which the various aspects of coldwater tailrace and two-story trout management were discussed. The Director of the National Reservoir Research Program, Robert Jenkins, presented an analysis of trout harvest and standing crops for 43 coldwater or two-story reservoir trout fisheries in the United States. He also reviewed some of the factors which appear to influence fish production levels in reservoirs on a national basis. Norval Netsch of the South Central Reservoir Investigating Team also presented a preliminary review of results obtained from a regional survey of reservoir

stocking programs and their success. Norval voiced disappointment in the response he had received from his queries to the agencies of the region involved in fisheries management. He reports that early returns appear to illustrate a need for greater efforts to evaluate stocking results. The owner of the fishing resort where the meeting was held presented his observations and points of view regarding the commercial aspects of the sport fishery being generated by the White River tailwater trout program.

The committee convened its formal business session in the afternoon at which time the committee planned its activities and projects for the year. The members adopted a proposal to give further consideration to the preparation of a trout stream survey format to be presented at the divisional meeting in Atlanta. Also adopted, was a project to assemble a bibliography of technical and non-technical papers, pertaining to trout management and research, which have not been published or included in the widely circulated bibliographical review. Further updating of the list of trout workers in the Southeastern United States was advised.

The session was concluded with a trip to the Norfolk National Trout Hatchery where Hatchery Manager Bill Cox demonstrated an automatic feeding device and a fish pump both of which hold promise for significant reductions in labor, a high cost item in trout production.

This session, attended by eight committee members and twelve guests, proved very interesting and informative. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission people were exceptionally fine hosts and contributed much to the success of this meeting.



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Chairman

Members:

Robert Baker

Richard Fatora

Monte E. Seehorn

Daniel Bumgarner

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