

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 4, 1982
TO: Trout Committee Members
FROM: Randy Geddings, Chairman
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Trout Committee Meeting, May 19-21, 1982

The first meeting of the Trout Committee in 1982 was held in Galax, Virginia, and was hosted by Larry Mohn and Bob Wollitz, Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The meeting was attended by the following members and guests:

John Boaze, U.S.F.&W.S.	Garland Pardue, U.S.F.&W.S.
Hal Boles, U.S.F.&W.S.	Ron Pasch, T.V.A.
Bill Bonner, N.C.Wildlife Res. Comm.	Doug Peterson, Tenn. Wildlife Res. Agency
Ron Dunlap, U. S. Forest Serv.	Bud Ratledge, N.C.Wildlife Res. Comm.
Rich Fatora, Ga. Game & Fish Comm.	Monte Seehorn, U.S.Forest Serv.
Randy Geddings, S.C.Wildlife Dept.	David Whitehurst, Va. Comm. of Fish
Tom Harshbarger, U. S. Forest Serv.	Bob Wollitz, Va. Comm. of Fish
Larry Mohn, Va. Comm. of Fish	

Old and Ongoing Projects

Discussion was continued on the introduction of wild and domestic rainbow and brown trout into selected streams. The stocking of 4"-6" wild and domestic brown trout will take place in November, 1982. Randy Geddings will provide the domestic trout and Bill Bonner the wild trout. The streams to be stocked have been identified. Rich Fatora, Monte Seehorn, Randy Geddings, and Bill Bonner will meet in October, 1982, to finalize plans. The meeting will take place at Rich Fatora's office. Any other members wishing to attend are welcome.

Ron Pasch and Hal Boles presented a report on the status of the Brook Trout Bibliography. The bibliography is near completion and has been distributed to the members for their comments. The Chairman wishes to commend Ron and Hal and all others involved for a job well done!

Trout regulations will continue to be an open-ended topic for the Committee. Please send John Boaze any pertinent information you may have concerning trout regulations. Also send John any information you may have on age and growth of rainbow trout.

New Business

We are anxiously awaiting more information from Bill Bonner on his survey findings.

John Boaze has agreed to look into the status of the brook trout work in the Park and report back to us. John advises that Steve Moore will present a paper on this subject at the A.F.S. Meeting at Hilton Head.

Since new questions have risen about the effect of electricity (AC) on fish, Garland Pardue and Randy Geddings agreed to look into this matter and possibly set up some studies to determine if the technique and equipment commonly used by trout biologists are relatively safe for fish.

Monte Seehorn and Tom Harshbarger agreed to begin work on a bibliography on siltation relative to trout waters. If anyone has any relevant information or would like to help, contact Tom or Monte.

Monte will serve as a point of contact to the Trout Committee for the Wild Salmon Watch. Contact Monte if you have any information that may be relevant or if you have any questions.

A discussion was held concerning acid rain and what we may do or should do as a committee about this problem. Since TVA is heavily involved in this, we asked Ron Pasch to look into the status of this investigation and give us a report as well as some suggestions about the direction the Committee shall take.

A discussion was held on how the Chairman of the Trout Committee should be selected each year. The Committee agreed to determine by nomination and vote, at the spring meeting each year, one of its members to recommend for the position for the following year. The Committee would then recommend this individual to the upcoming President of the Southern Division. The Committee understands that the President has the option of selecting the individual recommended by the Committee or one of his own choosing.

The Committee, by unanimous vote, selected Tom Harshbarger as the member they would recommend as the next Chairman of the Trout Committee.

John Boaze agreed to host next year's spring meeting at Cherokee, N. C.

A very enjoyable fish fry was held by the host members. In addition, several members tried their luck in a few of Virginia's trout streams. As is usually the case, the fish population wasn't threatened. All members wish to thank Bob and Larry for a very enjoyable and successful meeting.