

MEMORANDUM

TO: Trout Committee Members
FROM: Larry O. Mohn, Chairman
SUBJECT: Minutes of Trout Committee Meeting, November 20, 1986
DATE: January 6, 1987

The fall meeting of the Trout Committee was held in Baltimore, Maryland in conjunction with the Southeastern. Attendance at the meeting was unusually strong with 12 members and 6 visitors present. After approval of the minutes from the spring meeting, the committee discussed the following business:

Old Business

Brown trout half-wild/domestic study: Jim Borawa (NC) reported that all brown trout fingerlings had been clipped and would be stocked the first week of December. North Carolina planned to stock 6 streams, Virginia 2 and Tennessee 3. Kentucky has decided not to participate in the study. Tennessee raised their own fish and had completed stocking at the time of this meeting. The first quarterly sample should be completed in early March.

Summary of strain evaluations: Mark Hudy (AR) reported that all states had responded to the request for information on their trout strain evaluations. However, some of the information provided was incomplete or needed clarification. Mark planned to call some states for additional data and will then complete the summary and provide a copy to each member. It was mentioned that the state of Wisconsin has a similar summary that may be useful to this project. Mark will check into it.

Regional trout disease problems: Harry Hargis (TN) met with Roger Schultz (USFWS) after the spring meeting to discuss recommended actions for the Committee to take in regards to control of disease. Harry presented the following recommendations:

- (1) Any action should be a joint effort by the Fish Disease Committee, the Trout Committee and the Southern Appalachian Fish Health Council.
- (2) The Committee should support efforts to establish a University level trout disease lab.
- (3) The Committee should press individual states to adopt a regional policy.

Frank Richardson (USFWS) mentioned that the USF & WS has official regulations and policy. It was recommended that representatives of the USF & WS be invited to our spring meeting to review established guidelines before we proceed. The chairman will extend such an invitation and also contact the Fish Disease Committee and the Fish Health Council regarding a joint effort prior to the spring meeting.

Pressure/Creel Surveys: A discussion was initiated concerning the design of creel, pressure and attitude surveys. Virginia and Tennessee provided summaries of recently completed angler surveys and North Carolina reported on their nearly completed study. Larry Neilsen (VA Tech) suggested that a standardized list of questions might make studies more valuable and the Committee concurred. It was decided that we would allocate at least half a day during our spring meeting to a workshop on survey methods and design. A committee of Mark Hudy and Spencer Turner (MS) was appointed to organize the spring workshop.

Surplus funds: Larry Mohn reported that the surplus funds from the 1985 Wild Trout Symposium had been donated to the Southern Division's Project Fund. The amount of the donation was \$167.00

New Business

Virginia Tech: Larry Neilsen announced that the Forest Service has moved the Southeast Trout Research Station to Virginia Tech. The station has administrative funding and is now looking for suggested research projects. Any ideas should be sent to Larry.

Brown Trout Workshop: Wayne Jones suggested that we hold a workshop on brown trout in 1988 in North Carolina. The North Carolina Trout Unlimited Council has agreed to host and fund the workshop if it can be held in conjunction with the Southeast Trout Unlimited Council Meeting in Asheville. Committee members were in favor of such an arrangement and Wayne will get back to TU to begin planning.

Georgia: Jeff Durniak brought up the subject of small dams on trout streams. He is having problems in Georgia and is looking for information on effects of temperature and flow, how to mitigate, and how to assess the value of streams lost. If anyone has any available information on these subjects, Jeff would appreciate receiving it.

Spring Meeting: Prior to adjournment, it was unanimously decided to hold the spring meeting in Arkansas. We will shoot for the April 1-14th period. Mark will work on arrangements and Mark or I will try to get a notification out as soon as possible on the dates. See you in April.

TROUT COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDEES

November 20, 1986

Members:

Larry Mohn	Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries
David Woronecki	Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Richard Standage	USFS, Virginia
Mark Hudy	Arkansas Fish and Game
John Boaze	Fish and Wildlife Associates, Inc.
Mallory Martin	North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission
Jim Borawa	North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission
Bob Bachman	Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Gordon Sloane	USFS, Tennessee, Kentucky
Harry Hargis	Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency
Wayne Jones	North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission
Jeff Durniak	Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Non-members:

Frank Richardson	USF & WS, Atlanta
John Stark	Tennessee Tech
Larry Neilsen	Virginia Tech
Wayne Pollock	Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency
Bob Martin	Sport Fishing Institute
Larry Owen	South Carolina