

MEMORANDUM

To: Trout Committee Members

From: Mark Hudy, Chairman

Subject: Minutes Spring 1989 Meeting, Dillard, GA

The Spring Meeting and "The Watershed Approach To Trout Management Workshop" were very successful and well attended. Twelve members attended the committee meeting on May 17, 1989, while 60 people representing 8 states and 17 organizations attended the workshop on May 18, 1989. The combined annual meeting with a 1-2 day workshop continues to be a big success!!! A big thanks to Jeff Durniak, Georgia DNR and the Dillard, GA folks for hosting this meeting.

Minutes

After the introduction of members the traditional round table discussion of new projects, ideas, etc. was held. Once again these discussions were very informative and continue to be a big part of the success of the trout committee in getting out new ideas and information. A summary follows of the highlights of each discussion, contact the individuals for additional information.

Georgia (Jeff Durniak): Discussed projects looking at the effects of different brown trout stocking rates on the Chatahocee tailwater; voluntary angler creels and fishermen diaries; increased hatchery production experiments; and evaluations of fingerling stockings in headwater streams.

Kentucky (Doug Stevens): Discussed the development of a classification system; attempts to establish wild brown trout in 10 streams; and special regulations on brook trout streams (single hook artificial lures, 2 fish creel limit with a 10 inch minimum size).

Duke Power (Duane Harrell): Discussed cooperative efforts with South Carolina; work related to proposed and ongoing pump back storage projects; hydroacoustic work on Lake Jocassee's forage base; and the monitoring of a heavily silt impacted stream (Howard Creek).

South Carolina (Randy Geddings): Discussed fishing regulations and the success of the Tasmania strain of rainbow trout in lake Jocassee; and the development of a long range management plan.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Roger Schultz): Discussed personnel and program emphasis changes and budget developments.

Tennessee (Harry Hargis): Discussed an excellent stream habitat improvement workshop he attended in Minnesota; evaluation of trophy trout management on 4 streams.

Virginia (Larry Mohn): Discussed legal problems on development of a tailwater fishery; loss of brown trout year class on reservoir; and loss of put-take fisheries because of landowner conflicts.

Forest Service (Rich Standage): Discussed "Rise to the Future" initiative; acid rain impacts and liming projects.

Arkansas (Mark Hudy): Discussed preliminary evaluations of new trophy brown trout regulations and proposed regulation changes for 1990; failure of lake trout fishery and ongoing creel census work.

Old Business

The half-wild brown trout study continues to be of interest. Larry Mohn presented new data from Virginia that shows the wild fish better for long term survival than the domestic. Management objectives appear to play a major role in selecting which brown trout strain or cross to use.

The "Brown Trout Workshop" proceedings are progressing thanks to the work of Jim Borawa, Jim is going to need some help for the final push to get these out. Mark Hudy will contact Jim for specific needs than contact committee members for help.

Monte Seehorn reported on a new "shocker" (see attached)

Mark Hudy reported on use of the "VI" tag, it appears to have some use. Short term tag retention is good from broodstock to 6 inch fish. A video describing the tag is available from Mark.

New Business

Larry Mohn discussed the disparity in stream protection guidelines on National Forests trout streams in the south. The need for more consistent guidelines among the National Forests was discussed. The committee agreed that each state representative should bring copies of their respective forest plans to the next meeting to discuss this issue.

Jeff Durniak requested information from the states concerning access on private trout streams and the use of DJ funds in purchasing access or easements. Contact Jeff if you have some information that may be of use.

Harry Hargis (Tennessee) agreed to host next springs annual meeting. It was agreed that a workshop on "Dams" (above and below), tailwaters and two-story trout fisheries, be held in conjunction with the meeting. Harry will be handling time and place and workshop development. Harry will be contacting members for help (or better yet volunteer) in developing another successful workshop!