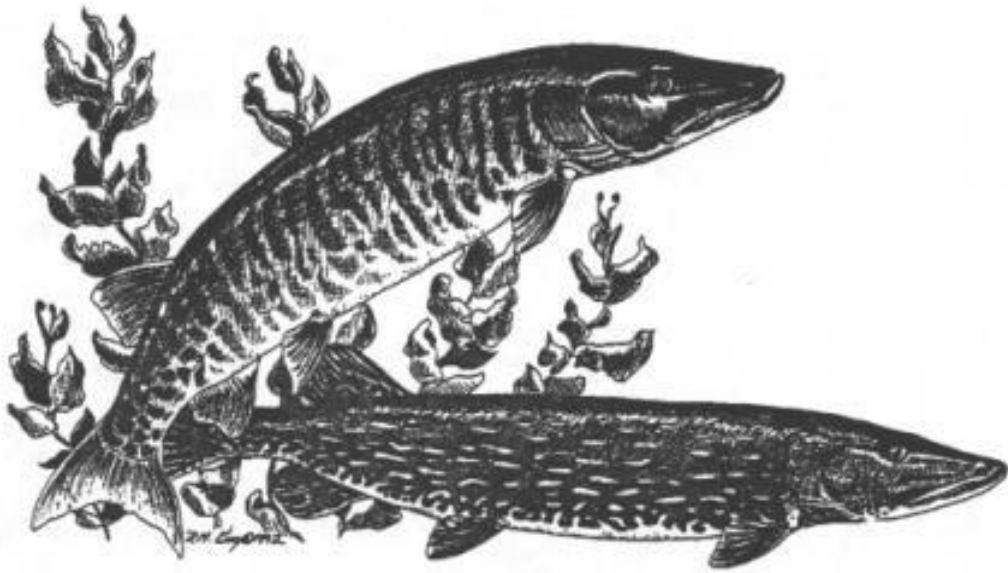


# Esocid Technical Committee



North Central Division  
*American Fisheries Society*  
Established 1991

## **Forward**

This document was originally prepared in 2000 by Terry Margenau, ETC's first chair (he later repeated as chair in 1997). After a decade of existence, it was the committee's first attempt to record its activities and history. This document was intended to be dynamic and was designed to be added to or modified as the committee sees fit as time moves on. However, in the intervening years, little effort was put into maintaining this record.

At the 2006 annual meeting, the committee decided that it was important to update this document and make it available on the NCD website (November 2006, Tim Simonson).

During the 2016 Muskellunge Symposium held in Minnetonka, Minnesota, the ETC recognized the need to update this document again to meet the existing process of the ETC (July 2016, Cory Kovacs, Chair).

# History

The Esocid Technical Committee was formed at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa in December 1991. At that first organizational meeting, a mission statement was drafted to identify priorities for this committee to pursue.

## ***Mission Statement:***

*The mission of the Esocid Technical Committee is to:*

- *Encourage and coordinate research leading to the development of functional management strategies toward the wise use of esocid stocks*
- *To advance the knowledge of esocid ecology*
- *To improve culture techniques*
- *To provide a forum in which pertinent data and technologies can be exchanged within the scientific community and among user groups*



The first mid-summer meeting of ETC was held July 1992 in LaCrosse, WI. It was attended by (left to right, back row) Steve Sammons (SD), Jim Christinson (IA), Dave Clapp (IL), Rod Pierce (MN), Wayne Stancil (NE), Jeff Reed (MN), Tom Szendrey (IL), Paul Cunningham (WI), Jim Diana (MI), Jerry Younk (MN), (left to right, front) Terry Margenau (WI), Bernard LeBeau (ONT), Steve Mero (SD), Richard Day (OH), Steve AveLallemant (WI) and Rob Neumann (SD).

# Organization

The Esocid Technical Committee (ETC) is led by a chairperson who volunteers their services to the committee for a one-year term, up to a two-year term. Chairpersons typically begin their new duties beginning at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference held in winter of each year. The ETC has moved to selecting the chairperson based on the location of the current year's Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference (when possible). Otherwise, a candidate is solicited during the chairperson's term year. In addition, the chair-elect, the individual who will become chairperson the following year, works with the chairperson to aid in making a smooth transition of duties from year to year.

Each AFS chapter in the North Central Division has an official representative on the ETC. A chapter representative is usually appointed by the chapter, and can hold that position for an undetermined amount of time. In 2016, the ETC voted to add a Southern Division AFS representative as an official voting member of the ETC. This representative shall report, gather, and disseminate information from other Southern Division Chapters who have involvement with esocid populations. Chapter representatives are required to be members of the American Fisheries Society. No length-of-term conditions have been established to limit how long a person can be a chapter representative. A chapter is not required to have an ETC representative if they do not wish to. General membership and attendance at ETC functions is open to all persons interested in esocid fisheries.

The ETC generally meets twice annually. A mid-summer meeting is typically held and a second meeting is held in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The meetings typically include informal technical presentations on current research, culture, and management topics from people active in esocid studies.

## ETC Chairpersons

Year	Chairperson	State*
1992	Terry Margenau	WI
1993	Jeff Reed	MN
1994	Rob Newmann	SD
1995	Wayne Stancil	NE
1996	Dave Clapp	IL
1997	Terry Margenau	WI
1998	Rod Pierce	MN
1999	Joel Klammer	NE
2000	Steve AveLallemant	WI
2001	Paul Cunningham	WI
2002	Dan Isermann	SD
2003	Steve Pallo	IL
2004	Steve Pallo	IL
2005	Tim Simonson	WI
2006	Mark Boone	MO
2007	Ed Braun	IN
2008	Jim Diana	MI
2009	Rod Pierce	MN
2010	Jonathan Meerbeek	IA
2011	Jonathan Meerbeek	IA
2012	Dave Woods	MO
2013	Dave Woods	MO
2014	Dave Kittaka	IN
2015	Cory Kovacs	MI
2016	Cory Kovacs	MI
2017	Janice Kerns	OH

\* indicates AFS Chapter chairperson was associated with during their term.

## Symposia

December 1991. “**Northern Pike: Ecology and Management**”. Held in conjunction with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Des Moines, Iowa. No proceedings published.

December 1997. “**Strategies for Muskellunge Management**”. Held in conjunction with the 59<sup>th</sup> Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Proceedings published in *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* 1999, Volume 19: 221-320. An additional 200 copies were bound under separate cover and sold at \$12.00/copy.

December 2000. “**Current Investigations in the Genetics, Population Dynamics, Harvest Regulations, and Management of Northern Pike in North America**”. Held in conjunction with the 62<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota. No proceedings published.

December 2002. “**Northern Pike Management**”. Held in conjunction with the 64<sup>th</sup> Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Proceedings published in *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* 2003, Volume 23: 297-339.

October 2005. “**Dr. Ed Crossman Memorial Muskellunge Symposium**”. Held in conjunction with Muskies, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana. Proceedings published in *Environmental Biology of Fishes*. Additional copies published under separate cover by Springer-Verlag.

March 2016. “Hugh C. Becker International Muskie Symposium”. Held in conjunction with Muskies Inc. 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Minnetonka, Minnesota. Proceedings currently in draft.

## Workshops

1992. “**Synopsis of Research and Management**”. Two hundred copies printed and distributed to membership and agencies within the North Central Division.

1994. “**Age and Growth of Esocids**”. Workshop held at the annual summer meeting, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Workshop Coordinator: Dr. John Casselman, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. No proceedings published.

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1996. “**The Introductory, Maintenance, and Restoration Stocking of Esocids**”. Workshop held at the annual summer meeting, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Proceedings published and distributed to membership.

1997. **“A Synopsis of Angling Regulations for Esocids in North America”**. Esocid Technical Committee, North Central Division, American Fisheries Society. 64pp.

2001. **“An Overview of Northern Pike Regulations in North America”**. C. Paukert, J.

Klammer, R. Pierce, T. Simonson. *Fisheries* 26(6):6-13.