

## **Ictalurid Technical Committee**

November 19, 2009

Committee Chair: Kirk Hansen  
Past President: Mark Porath  
Secretary/Treasurer: Cari-Ann Hayer

### **Action**

Action Requested: Sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Catfish Symposium

Recommended Motion: Donate \$1,000 to support the symposium

Minority View: None

Background for Motion:

In June 2010, “Conservation, Ecology, and Management of Catfishes: The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Catfish Symposium” will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. The symposium will be co-hosted by the Ictalurid Technical Committee of the North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) and the Catfish Management Technical Committee of the Southern Division of the AFS. The meeting will provide a forum for the exchange of information about the biology, ecology, management, and conservation of worldwide catfish populations and their habitats. Presentation of research on both game and non-game species will be encouraged. To attract anglers and provide opportunities for input and interaction, the symposium will be held at the conclusion of a national catfish angling tournament. The tone of the meeting will be somewhat casual, combining the scientific aspects of a professional fisheries meeting with the relaxed atmosphere of a sports show. It is hoped that in this environment, anglers and scientists will be able to interact openly and progress the management of these important fishes. Symposium attendance is expected to exceed 300 people and the proceedings will be published in a hard-bound book. Similar to the first Proceedings, this compilation of works should serve as a valuable reference for many years to come.

To date we have raised \$26,200 toward our goal of \$51,500 from contributions by 28 different private and public entities, state and federal natural resource agencies, and AFS Chapters and Sections.

A \$1,000 donation will be at the bronze level. The NCD’s sponsorship will be acknowledged at the meeting, in the symposium proceedings, and the symposium program. NCD’s web address and logo will be placed on the symposium website.

Cost: \$1,000

### **Outcomes and Accomplishments**

The Ictalurid Technical Committee is co-hosting a second international symposium on catfish conservation, ecology, and management.

On June 19-22, 2010, "Conservation, Ecology, and Management of Catfishes: The 2nd International Catfish Symposium" will be held at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. The symposium will be co-hosted by the Ictalurid Technical Committee of the North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) and the Catfish Management Technical Committee of the Southern Division of the AFS. The meeting will provide a forum for the exchange of information about the biology, ecology, management, and conservation of worldwide catfish populations and their habitats. Presentation of research on both game and non-game species will be encouraged. To attract anglers and provide opportunities for input and interaction, the symposium will be held at the conclusion of a national catfish angling tournament. The tone of the meeting will be somewhat casual, combining the scientific aspects of a professional fisheries meeting with the relaxed atmosphere of a sports show. It is hoped that in this environment, anglers and scientists will be able to interact openly and progress the management of these important fishes. Symposium proceedings will again be published in a hard-bound book, this compilation of work should serve as a valuable reference for many years to come.

For more information on the symposium visit [www.catfish2010.org](http://www.catfish2010.org) or contact: Greg Pitchford, Co-chair (660) 646-6122 or Dave Buckmeier, Co-chair (830) 866-3356 ext. 219.

Other symposium activities include the NCD ITC account serving as the financial accounting mechanism for this jointly sponsored event. In-Fisherman will sponsor a major fishing tournament on Saturday June 19 in conjunction with the Catfish meeting, and the tournament will conclude under the Arch. The NCD and SDAFS catfish committees are seeking workshop opportunities during the symposium.