



Esocid Technical Committee

North Central Division / American Fisheries Society

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TO: Rob Neumann and Terry Margenau

FROM: Jeff Reed

SUBJECT: "Minutes" from Business Meeting

Feeling that there should be an "official" record of what was discussed and decided regarding the Esocid Symposium, I developed the following summary of our June 29th meeting.

The results of a survey of potential symposium participants and papers that Terry Margenau sent out was distributed to the group. A total of 43 titles were received, 38 of which were muskellunge-related. Several more titles were received at the meeting. After a short discussion, the ETC decided that the future symposium should be dedicated to muskellunge.

Terry noted that the muskellunge format is likely to please Muskies Inc., (M.I. had been more receptive to being involved with this format rather than a mixed-esocid format).

The format for publication was also discussed. Rob had spoken with Bob Kendall (Managing Editor of AFS) and was given several possibilities: A) a appended addition of the North American Journal of Fisheries Management, B) a special edition of the NAJFM, or C) an AFS Special Publication (a book). With the number of potential papers and the possible funding from M.I., it was determined that the book format was the best alternative. The steering committee will need to develop a proposal for submission to Bob Kendall. Jim Diana also noted that the ETC will also need the approval from the AFS EXCOM for the production of a book (even if external funding is secured).

The location and date were also discussed. Terry noted that M.I. preferred a March 1997 (the earliest possible date) to coincide with their annual board meeting. There was some discussion about holding the meeting in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. The pluses for each time were discussed and although no clear consensus was determined, it was felt that the symposium could stand alone with little problem. Terry also noted that the Madison (WI) Chapter of M.I. had already bid to host the meeting.

Please change or append anything that I may have missed or misinterpreted and return them to me.