

**Minutes - Esocid Technical Committee Meeting  
6 December 1998, Cincinnati**

Minutes from the summer meeting in LaCrosse were distributed and Richard Day (OH) was thanked for his work in compiling the minutes. Mail, phone, and e-mail lists of ETC members were updated for 1998 and distributed to the eight participants at the Cincinnati meeting. A summary of income and expenses during 1998 was explained by Rod Pierce (MN), and a spreadsheet from NCD Treasurer Joan Duffy showed that the ETC was finally out of the red, finishing 1998 with a balance of \$427.57.

One goal of the ETC for 1998 was to publish two synopses titled "The Introductory, Maintenance, and Restoration Stocking of Esocids" and "A Synopsis of Angling Regulations for Esocids in North America". Thanks to the efforts of Dave Clapp (MI) and Steve AveLallemant (WI), and some funding from the USFWS, the two synopses were handed out in final form at the Cincinnati meeting. Dave Clapp will advertise them in Mainstream and Fisheries, and make them available in electronic form at the NCD website. Dave printed 75 copies of each for a total cost of \$425.

Another goal for 1998 was publication of papers presented at the 1997 "Muskellunge Management Symposium" in Milwaukee. Nine of the papers were reviewed and accepted by the North American Journal of Fisheries Management, three others have been reviewed but not yet revised by authors. Publication is anticipated in early 1999. We will need to package about 20 sets of reprints for the musky clubs who are helping to fund publication.

We will also be sponsoring a session at Midwest 2000 in Minnesota. Seven individuals have indicated interest in giving a paper on northern pike management. Rod Pierce is to contact them about their interest in submitting the papers to a journal.

There has been no recent update on the Scale Exchange Program. A question was raised about Muskies Inc. funding for this work, and whether or not delays have hurt our future ability to approach Muskies Inc. for funding.

The ETC Chair for 1999 is Joel Klammer (NE) and Co-chair is Steve AveLallemant. The 1999 summer meeting will be held at the Radisson Inn in LaCrosse, Wisconsin during 13-14 July. Joel will be putting together a program about anglers' perspectives on esocid management. Contact Joel about anything that needs to be included in the program. One topic suggested was how to make the grey literature library more accessible. Another potential item for the meeting was to develop some new goals for the ETC. Please bring some ideas to the summer meeting.