

Summary of Summer 2003 Esocid Technical Committee Meeting

The Esocid Technical Committee held their summer meeting at Kemp Natural Resources station near Woodruff, WI during July 9-11th, 2003. Representatives from Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Nebraska attended the meeting. The theme of the meeting focused on the assessment and protection of esocid habitat and we heard many interesting talks concerning habitat-related efforts from committee members. Additionally, Anna Sugden-Newbery and Greg Sass from the Center for Limnology, University of Wisconsin Madison, were kind enough to present their findings concerning the importance of woody debris and lakeshore development to fish communities in Wisconsin lakes. Center for Limnology personnel also took us on a tour of Red Rock Lake where some of the research took place. Much of the discussion during the business meeting centered around the upcoming Musky Symposium which was to be held in Indiana during September 2004 and has now been put off until 2005. Steve Pallo, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, was elected as incoming chair of the committee to be installed at the business meeting to be held at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference December 2003. Tim Simonson, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was elected as chair-elect.