

RSTC News – Spring 2010
March 22-23, 2011

Our spring meeting was held on March 22-23, 2011 at the Rock Island Conservation Club in Milan Illinois. We had over 60 people attend from state and federal agencies and multiple private consulting firms. The meeting consisted of state chapter reports, which outline various projects and studies being conducted by state and federal agencies, and fifteen technical presentations were given (see attached agenda).

The highlight of our spring meeting was a presentation by Dr. Tom Watters of Ohio State University. Dr. Watters presented on the status and history of freshwater mollusks across the United States. Of particular interest was a discussion on propagation work at his lab in Columbus Ohio and work that he and others are doing that document the health and stress of individual mussels that are being used in these propagations.

RSTC Business Items:

1. Following discussion among the members in attendance, we are planning a symposium on artificial drainage and impacts to stream habitat and fishes for the 72nd annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. A call for presentations will be made, please contact Kraig McPeck (USFWS) with any suggestions or interest in organizing.
2. Our winter meeting will be held in conjunction with a potential Symposium in December 2011 at the 72nd Annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference to be held in Des Moines, IA.
3. The need to update RSTC Communications was discussed as our ole email list seems to be inefficient at best. Andy Selle (Inter-Fluve), Louise Mauldin (USFWS), Jennifer Campbell-Allison (IN-DNR), and Kelly Poole (IA-DNR) are tasked with improving communication among the various media outlets
4. Committee members voted to show our support and appreciation to the RICC for their years of providing a facility for the meeting. Fish prints to display on the club walls were suggested. We also voted to give a thank you gift to Roger Hummel (Papa Joes Fish House) for supplying the fresh catfish for our meetings.
5. Fostering the next generation of RSTC members was discussed. It was resolved that we would open up the meeting free of charge for student (undergrad) members of the various state chapters. Discussion about reserving a few rooms to offset this expense was mentioned as well
6. Discussion was begun about supporting the attendance of the President and/or Secretary/Treasurer at the winter meeting, typically held at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. No vote was taken but there seemed to be support if the budget would allow this annual contribution. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Please check out our website at www.ncd-afs.org under NCD Committees for all of the latest information on the workshops, the Monitoring Symposium, state chapter reports, meeting minutes, our current projects, Chapter Representatives, Who's Who, and current Committee officers.