

Walleye Technical Committee

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2003 Winter Meeting Minutes

Chair Tim Banek opened the business meeting of the Walleye Technical Committee at approximately 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 7, 2003 with 27 members in attendance.

Minutes from the 2003 summer meeting: Tim Banek, chair (MO). Minutes from the 2003 summer meeting were approved as published in the *Mainstream* (Ed Brown moved, Jeff Reed seconded). Chair Banek summarized that the meeting was focused on size-based regulations, that the presentations were well-received, and that the Walleye Synopsis was discussed.

Yield Database Progress: Joe Larscheid (IA) was not in attendance. We will try to get an update from him for the 2004 summer meeting.

Financial Report: Donna Hanen Muhm, secretary (IA). Donna reported that due to a bookkeeping error, the balance as of May 31, 2003 was erroneously reported as being \$8,019.27. The correct amount should read \$8,190.39. Interest disbursements from May 31, 2003 through October 31, 2003 totaled \$61.48. Walleye Symposium Manual publication sales from May 31st through October 31st totaled \$20.00, and profit from the 2003 summer meeting was \$937.36. This leaves a balance as of October 31, 2003 of \$9,209.23. Thanks to Don Kline, North Central District treasurer (IA) for this information.

Walleye Synopsis Update: A subcommittee was formed at the summer meeting and is chaired by John Pitlo (IA) to determine direction for the walleye synopsis update project. The subcommittee was to approach three retired fisheries professionals and inquire as to their interest in taking on this endeavor. These professionals were identified as Dr. Robert Summerfelt (IA), James Schneider (MI), and Dennis Shupp (MN). Chair Banek reported that Mr. Schneider was interested but had several questions and needed clarification of many points. His questions regarded funding sources, format for the document, and the scope of the project. More specifically, he was interested in knowing whether the interest was in pursuing a worldwide scope, a north-American scope, or a Midwest scope; and whether or not the European pikeperch or sauger would be included. Discussion ensued. It was decided that worldwide focus was too wide, and Midwest focus too narrow; thus, the focus should be north-American in scope. A motion was made to exclude zander but to include sauger. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and carried. Chairman Banek suggested that Nick Baccante contact Mr. Schneider to help get him started.

A great deal of discussion regarding the format of the synopsis followed. It was proposed that the document be web-based so that it could be easily updated in the future. A .pdf file format was suggested, so that it could be placed on the AFS website or perhaps put onto a CD. Another suggestion was that someone with computer knowledge be contacted to set up a database that could also be easily updated. A comment was then made that the work needs to have a fixed portion that can be archived and sited as a reference, with another portion that is updateable. It was also mentioned that a .pdf file can be updated yearly and each year's version could be correctly sited. The conclusion was made that the format needs to be standardized and that it should remain flexible to allow for future technology.

Cost was discussed and sources of funding explored. It was generally agreed that a primary goal of \$20,000 be set for the cost of the project, but that is only an estimate. Fisheries Conservation Foundation funding was suggested. Other suggestions included donations from individual states, tribal organizations, or Canadian provinces.

Technical Presentation: Neil Billington presented *Hybridization and introgression between walleye and sauger from Pool 13 of the Mississippi River determined by protein electrophoresis*. Billington, Neil and Jennifer Lynch, Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Troy State University, Troy AL 36082, and John Pitlo, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 24143 Highway 52, Bellevue IA 52031.

NEW BUSINESS:

2004 WTC Chair and Chair-elect: Chair Banek introduced the 2004 WTC Chair Michael Sullivan (Alberta CA) and Chair-elect Jeff Reed (MN).

2004 Summer Meeting: Chair Sullivan discussed the option of holding the 2004 summer meeting at the Delta Marsh field station near Lake Manitoba. An estimate of cost would be \$60.00 per night with meals, and would include a walleye fry. He stated that it would be a central location for most Canadians but it wouldn't be terribly far for upper Midwesterners. This location is approximately one hour from the Winnipeg airport. Chair Sullivan opened the topic for discussion. Several members mentioned that there are out-of-country travel restrictions in place, and that even if they paid on their own they would not be allowed to attend. A suggestion was made that a location be found somewhere along the border so that neither country would have out-of-country lodging. Another member noted that there are also out-of-state travel restrictions in place for most states. It was motioned, seconded, and carried that Chair Sullivan conduct a survey to determine what sorts of travel would be tolerated for the majority of members. Chair Sullivan also suggested that having a theme for the summer meeting was a great concept, and that he would like to consider the 2004 theme to be modeling. He suggested that several focused modeling workshops could be conducted in how to use STELLA and FAST models.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hanen Muhm
Walleye Technical Committee Secretary