



NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY



Walleye Technical Committee

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2008 Summer Meeting Minutes **University of Wisconsin, Madison - Kemp Natural Resource Station – Woodruff, Wisconsin** **August 5, 6 & 7, 2008**

Chair-elect John Kubisiak called the meeting to order at 3:18 PM Thursday, August 7, 2008. Twelve members were present. A request for additions to the agenda was made, and since none were added the agenda was approved. Minutes from the 2007 winter meeting were approved as sent to members and posted on the website.

State and Provincial Reports: Patrick Hanchin of Michigan reported that 2008 was their first year of rearing walleye after the federal VHS order, and they were put in low risk areas that were connected to the great lakes. It was also the first year of allowing spearing in the eastern Upper Peninsula in accordance with a 1836 treaty. This treaty is different from the Wisconsin spearing regulation, but they are expecting a low level of harvest. A discussion followed of differing regulations and harvest policies of this Michigan agreement

Steve Gilbert of Wisconsin reported that they are having stocking issues because of VHS. Their eggs have already been taken and their small fingerling production is very limited due to testing and extended holding requirements. They are also testing fish from brood lakes using ovarian fluids to make sure that VHS is not making into the hatcheries. They have stepped up gear and hatchery disinfection and biosecurity measures on gear and hatcheries have been put in place. Regulation evaluations continue to be explored.

A. J. Pratt from Missouri reported that they are in the process of reviewing their statewide management plan for walleye. This plan should be finalized in the near future. Missouri research staff completed a study on walleye movement and survival on the Black River and found that great blue herons are a major predator on stocked walleye. Walleye production was reduced in hatcheries and pond production hampered the stocking efforts. Zebra mussels were discovered in two major reservoirs so that all fish coming into hatcheries are now disinfected. Everything else seems to be going well.

Justin VanDeHey from South Dakota (by proxy) reported that a toolbox meeting is on-going to develop management regulations for use on South Dakota waters. They are conducting more OTC marking studies to evaluate stocking success, since they have a new research biologist at one of their hatcheries. A competition study has been started to compare smallmouth bass eating habits to those of walleye.

Sander Award: This is an award to a student presenter to partially reimburse them for travel to the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference and there is potential for matching funds from the winner's state chapter. Applications are now being taken with a deadline of August 31st. A discussion followed about the due date perhaps being too early for students to properly respond. (*editorial note: the deadline for submission of an abstract for the meeting is September 2nd*). The date will be kept the same for this fall, but there maybe a change in store for next year. Applications are sent to Donna Muhm, 122 252nd Avenue, Spirit Lake IA 51360 or donna.muhm@dnr.iowa.gov.

Financial Report: The following financial report that was handed out. There were no objections and it was approved.

WALLEYE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JULY 1, 2008

	INCOME		EXPENSES		BALANCE
Beginning Balance, November 1, 2006					\$10,073.74
Monthly Interest November 2006 Through July 2008	\$833.63				
Synopsis Donations	Missouri \$500.00	Texas \$500.00			
	S. Dakota \$1000.00	Colorado \$1500.00			
	Wisconsin \$1000.00	Montana \$500.00			
	MT AFS \$500.00	MI AFS \$500.00			
	Iowa \$1000.00	Ontario \$1000.00			
	New York \$1000.00	Minnesota \$1950.00			
	Saskatchewan \$1000.00	Fish Mgmt Sect \$5000.00			
	Ohio \$1000.00	N. Dakota \$1250.00			
	TOTAL \$19,200.00				
August Summer '07 Meeting Expenses				\$3,786.32	
August Summer '07 Meeting Income	\$2,986.00				
Sander Award December '07				\$100.00	
Bruce Barton Synopsis Managing Editor Payment #1				\$5,000.00	
Ending Balance as of July 1, 2008					\$24,207.05

Walleye Synopsis update: Patrick Hanchin, Michigan, is the Chair of the Synopsis Steering Committee, and he reported as follows: The total production cost is \$30,000 and the WTC will pay half, plus \$20,000 for editor fees. Our total bill will be \$35,000. The Fish and Wildlife Service will contribute \$5000, but is having trouble getting through the red tape. Tennessee has donated \$1000, but the paperwork is still in the air. Authors have put together chapter ideas and are looking for reviewers for all chapters, so any input would be appreciated. Drafts are not expected for at least another 6 months. January 2009 is the expected completion date of the manuscript. Patrick predicts another 6 months after completion for AFS review and publishing. We are still interested in more donations from corporations, tribes, or other interested parties so please encourage them to do so. There was some discussion of sponsor recognition and location of logos. Would we like to get some extra money to make the cover nice? Steve Gilbert will talk to corporate sponsors and artists about using a walleye print for cover art.

Discussion of 2009 WTC summer meeting: Dubuque, Iowa was discussed as an option. If out of state travel is restricted, there might be issues of nearby locations for individual states' lodging. Some interest was shown in Hayward or Kemp as options also.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed.

New Business: No new business was addressed.

Adjourn: Chair-elect Kubisiak adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Hanen Muhm. Many thanks to Ted Treska for taking minutes!!