

CENTRARCHID TECHNICAL COMMITTEE NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

Winter business meeting, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Columbus, OH
14 December 2008
3:00 PM, Delaware C

Vacant, Chair
John Nelson, Immediate Past-Chair john.nelson@wisconsin.gov
Vacant, Chair-elect

Indiana representative Ed Braun called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM Sunday, December 14, 2008 at the request of Chair John Nelson (WI) who was unable to attend. Twelve members were present including:

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- Ed Braun ebraun@dnr.IN.gov
- Jim Diana jimd@umich.edu
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Treasurer report was provided by Randy Schultz, North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society (NCD-AFS) Secretary /Treasurer. The Centrarchid Technical Committee has \$886.42 in the NCD account.

Chair for 2009:

Ed Braun explained that the CTC was without a chair for 2009 as the summer meeting was canceled and asked if there were any volunteers. Lacking a volunteer from those present, Ed explained that Keith Hurley (NE) had volunteered to chair the committee in 2009 at the 2007 summer meeting. However, neither John Nelson (current chair) or Ed Braun have been able to contact Keith since early July. Ed Braun will try to again contact Keith after the holidays. (Note: I talked to Keith's supervisor on 1/5/2009. He did not feel Keith would be available to chair the committee in 2009. John Nelson will continue to recruit a chair for 2009.)

Summer meeting:

Those present unanimously approved having a summer meeting.

John Kubisiak (WI), chair of the Walleye Technical Committee reported that the WTC voted to pursue a joint meeting with other technical committees at a Mississippi River location (WI/MN/IA border). Centrarchid attendees agreed to pursue a joint meeting with the WTC and ETC in July. We also hope to make a genetics workshop available as a 1.5-day add-on. Dr. Brian Sloss (University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point) is interested in presenting a 1.5 day workshop on conservation genetics for fisheries scientists in conjunction with the summer meeting. The cost of a similar workshop in 2005 was \$100, including AFS book [Population Genetics: Principles and Applications for Fisheries Scientists](#). Several attendees of the workshop stated that Sloss does a great job presenting genetics information to non-geneticists.

When a chair for 2009 is determined, that person should contact John Kubisiak and Esocid Technical Committee Chair Jim Diana to start planning for the joint summer meeting.

State Reports:

Indiana-Ed Braun

Indiana is looking into implementing a 25 daily bag limit on bluegill and other sunfish in aggregate. Crappie and rock bass would be kept separate as in current rules. Rod Edgell, Assistant Biologist, will be modeling possible variations this next year using FAST. This is in response to public complaints of anglers taking large numbers of bluegills, primarily during early ice fishing.

Michigan-Jim Breck

Michigan has initiated a spring catch and release season for largemouth bass.

Michigan State Univ. is studying nesting success of bass in lakes with heavy vs. light fishing pressure in reference to the catch and release season.

MiDNR has installed temperature loggers in 50 lakes. Will test correlation between temperature and largemouth bass growth and spawning time.

Ohio

Wisconsin-John Kubisiak

The Wis. Legislature included a bass rule in last years budget requiring artificial lures only with barbless hooks during the catch and release season, early May-last Sat. of June, bypassing the normal DNR rule making process.

The legislator that added that amendment to the budget bill has indicated he will introduce legislation to rescind that law and go through the normal rule making process.

Iowa

Modeling study on impacts of 25 bluegill and 25 crappie bag limits. Models indicated these bag limits would have no impact on exploitation.

Aquatic vegetation studies are continuing on renovated impoundments. Difficult getting submerged vegetation started. No longer using grass carp for vegetation control.

Meeting adjourned by Ed Braun at 3:30 PM.