



North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society  
Joint Winter Business Meeting of the Centrarchid, Esocid,  
and Walleye Technical Committees



3:00 PM, Sunday, February 12, 2023  
Sheraton Hotel, Overland Park KS

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ETC Chair: Jordan Weeks, Jordan.weeks@wisconsin.gov  
CTC Chair: Will Radigan, wradigan2@huskers.unl.edu

**DRAFT Meeting minutes**

1. Call meeting to order: meeting was called to order by Jason DeBoer at 3:03 PM
  - a. Introductions: attendees around the room introduced themselves and their affiliation (*I neglected to count or send around sign-up sheet*)
2. Agenda additions and approval: no additions were suggested. Jordan Weeks motioned to approve the agenda, Mark Fincel seconded.
3. Approve minutes from 2022 summer business meeting (emailed out prior to meeting): Melissa Wuellner motioned to approve the minutes, Jordan Weeks seconded.
4. Joint summer meeting with CTC/ETC/WTC
  - a. Jordan Weeks suggested the meeting be held at the Kemp Natural Resources Station on Lake Tomahawk in Woodruff, WI. Jordan described the facility as “rustic cabins meet new classroom”. He will organize, with help from Steve Gilbert and other committee chairs as needed.
  - b. The meeting was proposed for June 20-22 2023, based on availability of the facility. This suggestion was met with approval from the attendees.
  - c. There will potentially be a largemouth bass removal continuing ed workshop on the afternoon of the first day.
  - d. Jordan emphasized there is lodging for 44 people on site, others will have to camp or stay in town. Jordan will explore options.

-- Break into separate tech committees --

5. Percid award
  - a. 3 recipients: Logan Zebro (UNK), Logan Cutler (SDSU), Ben Vasquez (UWSP)
  - b. WI chapter fully matched the \$300 award, Dakota chapter partially matched (\$100), NE chapter chose not to match
  - c. All three recipients presenting at the conference
6. State and provincial reports

- a. Jason mentioned he and Joe had not received MO and IN state reports
  - b. Jason offered time to anyone who wanted to share anything from their report, no further discussion
7. WTC treasurer's report (Jason DeBoer, for Joe Rydell and Drew Holloway)
- a. Jason presented details about the WTC general/operating fund (expenses, deposits, and balances for calendar year); no further discussion.
  - b. John Bruner motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Mark Fincel seconded. Motion approved.
8. Old business
- a. Drew Holloway shared that special issue final bills should be processed soon, and we'll FINALLY have that project put to bed. Dan Isermann mentioned that those authors/groups who paid their own bills already received and paid bills a while ago. Jason DB commented he wants this project completely finished before he hands off the reins to incoming chair.
  - b. John Bruner gave a few updates and insights about the PERCIS V conference in Czech Republic in Sept 2022, highlighting a few presentations of note:

#### PERCIS V – 5th Percid Fish International Symposium

České Budějovice, Czech Republic, EU September 18-23, 2022  
(<https://www.percis-v.eu>)

Five keynote addresses, 54 oral presentations, and 20 posters, all on percids, were presented by the 79 participants from four continents and 29 countries. There were three field trips, one to the Římov Reservoir Monday afternoon (Sept. 19, 2022), and two on Wednesday (Sept. 21, 2022): (1) Český Krumlov: visit to the graphite mine and tour of the historic UNESCO town center; and, (2) Třeboň: visit of the Schwarzenberg Tomb and 2-hour boat trip on the Svět Pond.

The complete Program and Abstract booklet is available at:  
<https://ncd.fisheries.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/PERCIS-V-Program-Abstracts.pdf>

The Book of Abstracts is available at:  
<https://ncd.fisheries.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/BookofabstractsPercisV2022.pdf>  
(Note that some talks in this Book of Abstracts were not given because the authors were not able to make it to the Czech Republic because of the war in the Ukraine.)

2 talks are of special interest to fish hatcheries using RAS:

- (1.) Fourrier, C., Senff, P., Abd Al Rahim, S., Ledoré, Y., Charpentier, N., Mila, S., and Fontaine, P. Is biculture with tench (*Tinca tinca*) a way to improve growth and physiological status of pikeperch (*Sander lucioperca*) reared in RAS?
- (2.) Senff, Paula, Fourrier, C., Abd Al Rahim, S., Grosjean, J., Milla, S., Ledoré, Y., Robin, C., and Fontaine, P. Effects of quercetin and rutin as feed additives on Pikeperch (*Sander lucioperca* L.) in recirculating aquaculture

#### 9. New business

- a. Approval of new WTC chair, Logan Zebro (UNK). Rebecca Krogman motioned to approve Logan, Dan Isermann seconded. Motion approved.
- b. Approval of new WTC chair-elect, Jason Gostiaux (MI DNR). Dan Isermann motioned to approve Jason G., Liz Renner seconded. Motion approved.
- c. PERCIS VI conference. John Bruner had previously suggested this could potentially be held in MI in MI 2024 or 2025, emphasizing Saginaw Bay as a success story. It was mentioned that MI hosted JASM in 2022 and is hosting the National AFS meeting in 2023. Doug Austen suggested having PERCIS VI as a symposium at 2026 AFS in Columbus OH, this was met with general approval and much discussion. The time zone differences with overseas participants was mentioned, and it was suggested to perhaps record or stream online. Doug suggested that interested parties talk to Gary Whelan (who will be AFS president for that meeting) and someone also suggested talking to Joe Conroy OH DNR, who will likely be helping host the meeting.
- d. The Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership (MGLP) Spring 2023 Webinars:

Managing for RADical lake change: applying the Resist-Accept-Direct (RAD) framework to support walleye management in Wisconsin

Description: Managers facing transforming lakes can benefit from considering broader objectives beyond a traditional focus on resisting change. They can also consider whether accepting inevitable change or directing it along some desirable pathway is more practical and appropriate under some circumstances (the RAD framework). Here, we'll introduce the RAD framework and highlight a decision-support tool for the walleye recreational fishery in Wisconsin as an example of how to link the RAD framework to real-world management of a large recreational fishery.

- e. Jason DeBoer mentioned there is a Walleye management and conservation session at Midwest, Monday 1:40pm-4:40pm, in Leatherwood 3
- f. Dan Isermann mentioned a big-scale WAE symposium at National AFS this summer, statewide or basinwide perspectives welcome

#### 10. Adjourn

- a. Dan Dembkowski made a motion to adjourn, Dan Isermann seconded. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4pm.