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Arkansas rice country during summer drought is currently being reviewed by regulatory agencies. The Grand Prairie region of Arkansas has experienced significant reductions in ground water level over the past 20 years due to irrigation pumping for rice. The agricultural community and its associated lobbyists are sponsoring this project. (A summary of the proposed project as presented in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice will be attached to the formal report.)

The Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting a status review of *Notropis ozarcanus* (Ozark shiner) throughout its range (AR, MO) to determine if protective status is warranted. The status review is slated for completion in December, 1995.

Taxonomy/Systematics

Henry Robison reports two additions to the Arkansas state fauna: 1) the recently described *Notropis suttkusi* (rocky shiner) occurs in Red River tributaries in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and 2) the occurrence of *Notropis wickliffi* has been validated from Mississippi River specimens collected in northeast Arkansas.

Wayne Starnes and Henry Robison continue to work on the upper Ouachita River form of *Notropis umbratilus*. Bruce Thompson and Henry Robison are continuing work on the *Percina nasuta* complex. Biochemical analyses of the *nasuta* complex have confirmed that the Ouachita River form is a distinct, undescribed species. Other interesting anomalies were discovered in White River *nasuta* populations and there are currently being resolved.

Odds and Ends

Robinson reports that Bill Pflieger intends to revise the *Fishes of Missouri*. Several attempts to reach Pflieger could not confirm that work is in progress.

Arkansas and Missouri continue to track the spread of the Zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) and monitor population levels. It is known to occur in the Missouri and Arkansas River mainstems, and is likely to spread to any tributaries with barge traffic (barges have been documented as the primary vector for dispersal). A recent, unconfirmed report has placed the Zebra mussel in the White River at DeValls Bluff, Arkansas. Efforts to educate the public and prevent introductions to other drainages continue in both states.

John L. Harris

With the notable exceptions of Royal Suttkus and Henry Robinson, who sent their regrets, those assembled at the Workshop represented those ichthyologists with the greatest experience and knowledge of Louisiana freshwater fishes. By consensus, 43 species were listed in six categories. Five species, *Scaphirhynchus albus*, *Alosa alabamae*, *Phenacobius mirabilis*, *Percina* cf. "copelandi" and *Percina lenticula*, were evaluated as endangered in Louisiana waters.

At this time, museum records of the 43 target species are being entered into a MUSE database. All Louisiana collections of freshwater fishes from the UMMZ, Cornell and the University of New Orleans have been recorded (nearly 2,000 entries). The LSU and Tulane materials are currently being entered and that task should be completed by the end of May. Data from collections at Northeast Louisiana University should be entered by mid-summer.

B. Cashner

ANNOUNCEMENT

An invited symposium, jointly sponsored by the SFC and the Endangered Species Committee of the American Fisheries Society (AFS), and dealing with changes in southeastern fish communities inferred from long-term data sets, is being planned for the 125th Annual AFS Meeting in Tampa, FL in August 1995. Mel Warren is organizing the event. A contributed paper session featuring papers on endangered species recovery efforts and other topics related to the symposium theme is also being planned for the meeting. SFC members are encouraged to attend the symposium and submit abstracts for the contributed paper session. For additional information on the symposium please contact Mel Warren at the U.S. Forest Service Hydrology Lab, Oxford MS 38655. Please contact the AFS for information about the meeting.

REGION VI - Southwest

The Rare and Endangered Freshwater Fishes of Louisiana Workshop was held at the University of New Orleans on 25-26 February. Bruce Thompson and I were co-conveners. Mel Warren, U.S. Forest Service, and Carter Gilbert, University of Florida, were featured speakers and offered valuable information on how to initiate a state project on rare and endangered species. Both suggested forming partners with state agencies and conservation organizations.

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