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News Bulletin

The Southeastern Fishes Council is undergoing revitalization—to help us better fulfill our goals of transmitting information on the biology and conservation of southeastern freshwater fishes. Our plan includes attracting new members, expanding the role of the SFC in the conservation of southeastern fishes, and increasing our interaction with southeastern state and federal natural resource agencies. In an effort to become more effective we have moved our annual meeting to the month of November and to a location that is somewhat central to the southeastern region of the U.S.

Our next meeting will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee on Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th of November 2007, with possible field trips on Saturday, the 10th. Our meeting host, the Tennessee Aquarium, will open the Aquarium after hours on Thursday evening for a SFC social. The tentative program consists of two days of contributed oral and poster presentations. A portion of the program will be devoted to presentations in a workshop on the subject of *Captive Propagation for Reintroduction and Translocation of Imperiled Southeastern Freshwater Fishes*. Information from the workshop will provide the basis for a publication on guidelines for reintroduction/translocation of nongame imperiled southeastern fishes. A limited number of travel subsidies will be available for students who contribute presentations. The finalized program and call for abstracts will be posted on our website <sefishescouncil.org> and distributed to colleges and universities, state and federal agencies, and NGOs. The meeting is being conducted with support from The World Wildlife Fund, Southeast Rivers and Streams Program. Noel Burkhead, Chair, Southeastern Fishes Council.

Editor's Note

I would like to apologize to the members of Southeastern Fishes Council for not publishing an issue of *Proceedings* in 2006, the year after hurricanes Katrina and Rita impacted the Gulf Coast. When I agreed to serve as Managing Editor, the 2005 hurricane season was only just beginning. It was truly bad luck that the editorial transition (from Frank Pezold to me) took place in Louisiana, the state most devastated by the storms. An example of the chaotic transfer occurred when Stephanie McCormick, then Frank's graduate student at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, single-handedly delivered all the back issues of *Proceedings* to me here in New Orleans. Stephanie drove her over-loaded small car from Monroe into a still-damaged city with few working traffic lights and dropped off numerous boxes filled with the old issues. My wife, Meg, and I then temporarily stored the boxes in our FEMA trailer because our home and offices had been destroyed by the hurricanes. Fortunately, all of the back issues are now safely in a third-floor room at the University of New Orleans. The campus, though, is still being repaired and rebuilt almost two years after the storms and levee failures. While we have been through a lot, we want to assure SFC members that beginning with this current issue, *Proceedings* will once again be published on a regular basis.

With this new beginning SFC members will notice some changes. All past issues of *Proceedings* were digitally scanned here at UNO and are now available as PDFs on the SFC website:

<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/organizations/sfc/SfcProceeding2.htm>.

By posting these files our goal was to not only help bring SFC into the computer age but to also make these valuable documents more readily available. Fish biologists and managers who work on conserving Southeastern fishes can now quickly access important past issues just by visiting our website. To encourage both new and ongoing membership, though, electronic versions of current *Proceedings* issues will only be made available to those SFC members who have paid annual dues. As we continue to publish research findings relevant to the conservation of Southeastern fishes, we also plan to more thoroughly cover two closely related subtopics: invasive species and freshwater mussel conservation. After habitat loss, the largest threat to species diversity is the impact of invasive species. In the next century, understanding and controlling alien fishes will be critical for protecting many Southeastern fish species. The conservation of freshwater mussels is also closely linked to saving the fishes we study. Because many fishes serve as specific hosts to larval mussels (glochidia), the continued survival of numerous mussel species depends on the presence of particular fishes in their habitats. Likewise in protecting freshwater mussel habitats, valuable fish habitats are also preserved. By more closely covering these two important aquatic conservation topics we hope to better provide useful information that will help save Southeastern fishes. Finally, as SFC begins a new era of conducting stand-alone annual meetings (see meeting update from Jim Williams in this issue), we encourage all members to attend and present their research findings. We also hope that the information in these presentations and posters can ultimately be submitted for publication in *Proceedings*.

I look forward to working with all of you over the next few years as SFC changes and advances as an organization. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about submitting manuscripts to *Proceedings* or if you need more information about our organization as a whole.

Martin O'Connell
Managing Editor

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Information For Contributors

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