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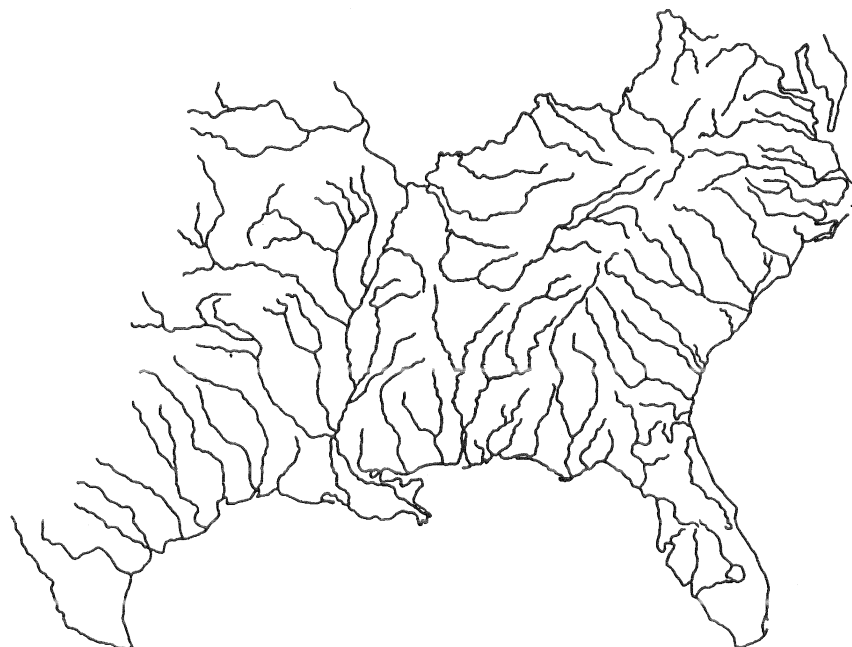
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29th Annual Meeting, Southeastern Fishes Council

The SFC will meet with the 64th Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists at Howard University in Washington DC, 9-12 April 2003. Additional information on the ASB meeting can be found at the following URL:

http://www.biology.howard.edu/ASB/ASBstart_here.html

Other Meetings of Interest

The Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society will meet in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. The SDAFS meeting is 12-16 February 2003. Additional information on the SDAFS meeting can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.sdafs.org/meetings/03sdafs/2003ad.htm>

Gibbs Award for Excellence in Systematic Ichthyology

Nominations are solicited for the Robert H. Gibbs, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Systematic Ichthyology from the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH). The prize is awarded for "an outstanding body of published work in systematic ichthyology" to a citizen of a Western Hemisphere nation who has not been a recipient of the award. The award is offered annually and consists of a plaque and a cash award (approximately \$5,000). The award is presented at the annual meeting of ASIH. Nominations may be made by any ichthyologist, including self-nominations, and should include the nominee's curriculum vitae, details of the nominee's specific contributions and their impacts on systematic ichthyology. Nomination should be submitted by March 1, 2003, for the nominee to be eligible for that year's award. Nominations will be effective for three years. Four copies of each nomination should be sent to Chair of the 2003 Gibbs Award Committee: Dr. William D. Anderson, Jr., Grice Marine Laboratory, 205 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412-9110, andersonwd@cofc.edu; or they may be sent to the ASIH Secretary, Dr. Maureen A. Donnelly, 3000 NE 151st Street, North Miami, FL 33181-3000, donnelly@fiu.edu.

In July 2002 at the ASIH annual meeting in Kansas City, MO, the award for 2002 was presented to Dr. Joseph S. Nelson, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, for his outstanding contributions to the systematics of sticklebacks and psychrolutids and publication of three editions of his invaluable book "Fishes of the World."