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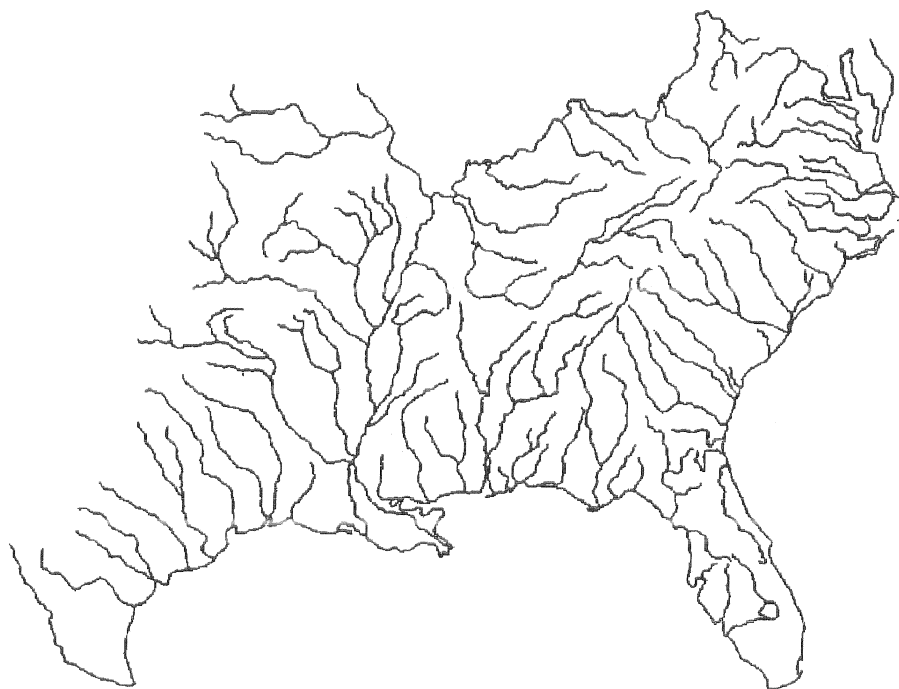
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Dedicated to the Conservation of Southeastern Fishes



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30th Annual Meeting, Southeastern Fishes Council

The SFC will meet with the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Norman, OK, 26-31 May, 2004. Additional information on the ASIH meeting can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.dce.ksu.edu/2004jointmeeting/>

Other Meetings of Interest

The Oklahoma Chapter and Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society will meet in Bricktown, Oklahoma City, OK at the Westin Hotel, 26-29 February 2004.

Additional information on the SDAFS meeting can be found at the following URL:

<http://members.cox.net/gregsumm/call.htm>

GIBBS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SYSTEMATIC ICHTHYOLOGY

Nominations are solicited by the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH) for the Robert H. Gibbs, Jr., Memorial Award for Excellence in Systematic Ichthyology. The Gibbs Award is presented annually in the memory of Robert H. Gibbs, Jr., Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists, and is made possible by an endowment fund established by the Society from a gift provided by Frigga Gibbs, Bob's wife. It is given for "an outstanding body of published work in systematic ichthyology" to a citizen of a Western Hemisphere nation who has not been a previous recipient. The award consists of a plaque and a cash sum based on available income accrued to the endowed principal. The recipient, selected by committee, is recognized at the annual meeting of the Society.

Nominations may be made by any ichthyologist, including self nominations, and should include the nominee's curriculum vitae along with details of the nominee's specific contributions and their impacts on systematic ichthyology. Nominations are effective for three years and should be submitted by 1 March 2004 in order for the nominee to be eligible for the 2004 award. Three copies of the materials for each nominee should be sent to the Chairman of the 2004 Gibbs Award Committee, Dr. Henry L. Bart, Jr. (Tulane University Museum of Natural History, Belle Chasse, Louisiana 70037; E-mail: hank@museum.tulane.edu), or to the Secretary of ASIH, Dr. Maureen A. Donnelly (Biological Sciences - OE 167, Florida International University, University Park, Miami, Florida 33199; E-mail: donnelly@fiu.edu).

In July 2003 at the annual meeting of ASIH in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, the award for 2003 was presented to Dr. G. David Johnson, Division of Fishes, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, for his numerous contributions clarifying the relationships of bony fishes.