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News Notes

The search for *Fundulus abolineotus* in the lower bend of Tennessee River failed to discover any specimens. An excellent new population of *Etheostoma tuscumbia* was found in north Alabama, in a spring pond below water supply for New Hope, Mountain Fork Creek system, Madison Co.

D. Etnier

REGION 5 - North West

The following represents the information I was able to gather for "my" report at the S.E. Fishes Council meeting next week. I was able to talk with Bill Matthews but unable to reach Bill Pflieger in Missouri.

Oklahoma

Notropis girardi, the Arkansas River shiner, will be proposed for Federal listing as "Threatened Status" due to the rapid decline of this species throughout its native range. Two items seem primarily responsible for this rapid decline in the past 15 years. First, replacement of *N. girardi* by *N. bairdi* from the Red River has occurred; however, the prime factor seems to be the regulation of flows in the Arkansas River by the large dams which decreases the reproductive success of *N. girardi*.

The only remaining stronghold for *N. girardi* seems to be in the lower South Canadian River (Bill Matthews, pers. comm.).

General News:

- a. Oklahoma does have an official state list of threatened and endangered fishes.
- b. *Etheostoma radiostum* (orangebelly darter) systematic study by Bill Matthews reveals no new subspecies contrary to earlier reports.
- c. Paul James, OSU graduate student, is studying the reproductive habits of the leopard darter, a federally threatened species.

Arkansas

The Ozark Cavefish, *Amblyopsis rosae*, has officially been placed on the federal threatened list. The Ouachita madtom, *Notropis lachneri*, is in the review process federally.

General News:

- a. The *Fishes of Arkansas* by Henry Robison and Tom Buchanan will be published by the University of Arkansas Press in June. The book will be 608 pages with black and white or color photos of all 215 species inhabiting the state. Cost will be \$50.00 for cloth cover; \$30.00 for paper.
- b. Robison continues work on *Cottus carolinae* west of the Mississippi with Dick Robins.
- c. Matthews and Robison have completed a multivariate analysis of the distribution of native Arkansas fishes based on 2323 collections from the last 20 years.

Missouri

Pflieger and Robison continue work on an undescribed form of *Etheostoma flabellare* in the White River system of Missouri and Arkansas.

H. Robison

NEWS NOTES

Citizens' Guide to Wetlands Protection – Ms. Wendy Wagner of Wyoming, MI has begun a popular guide to wetlands ecology and their usefulness in order to provide citizens with information enabling them to participate more fully in governmental decisions affecting wetland resources. Her concentration at this time is on the states of Alabama, Georgia and North and South Carolina. A similar guide now exists for the state of Virginia. She is requesting any information you may have and wish to contribute to this effort. You may contact her at 2780 Woodlake Apt. #4. This project is underwritten by the Southern Environmental Law Center in Charlottesville, VA.

Conservation Awards – The seven winners of Chevron's Conservation Awards in the southeast are listed below. The Conservation Awards Program is the oldest privately-sponsored program of its kind in the United States. The honorees will receive \$1,000 cash award and a bronze plaque commemorating their achievements. "These honorees have displayed an ability to work cooperatively with government, business, other conservation organizations and the media to make their personal goals a reality. In their own way, each has selflessly devoted time, expertise and resources to protecting the vital elements of our environment."

MARYLAND – The Chester-Sassafras Foundation, Inc., Chestertown – a grass roots organization that pre-

serves and balances the Chesapeake Bay area's need for economic growth with its ecological needs.

MISSOURI – Mr. Greg F. Iffrig, Springfield – a natural areas coordinator with the state's Department of Natural Resources, developed the State Park Stewardship Program, including a model savanna restoration stewardship plan.

Pat and Edward Jones, Jr., Williamsburg – formed and funded a private foundation that enables underprivileged youth to experience the rewards of conservation efforts. They also contributed the funds for the rights fee needed to protect a 200-mile stretch of abandoned railroad along the Missouri-Kansas-Texas border – the same route taken by Lewis and Clark.

Mr. G. Andy Runge, Mexico – A lawyer, for applying his legal expertise to conserving the state's wildlife, forest, fish, soil and water resources. His work resulted in the enactment of state sales taxes, the funds from which are used to support conservation of natural resources.

TEXAS – Mr. Perry R. Bass, Fort Worth – for helping achieve passage of The Wildlife Conservation Act during his Chairmanship with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, which now possess wildlife conservation legislation and manages the state's natural resources.

Sportsmen's Club of Texas, Inc. Austin – the states largest nonprofit conservation organization, which for three decades has been an active force for all facets of conservation, including the establishment of 37,000 acres of wildness within Texas's four national forests.

VIRGINIA – Boone and Crockett Club, Dumfries, the nation's oldest conservation organization, for its continuing mission as a supporter of legislation enhancing our system of national parks, monuments, forests and game refuges.

Information on nominating procedures can be obtained by writing to: Chevron Conservation Awards, P.O. Box 7753, San Francisco, California 94120-7753.

North American Native Fishes Association (NANFA)

This organization was founded to bring together people interested in fishes native to this continent for scientific purposes or aquarium study; to encourage increased scientific conservation, and aquaristic appreciation of native fishes through observation, study, and research; and to assemble and distribute information on native fishes. Additionally, this organization publishes *American Currents* a 10 issue/year magazine of information collecting, maintaining, breeding and conserving North American fishes. They also document endangered, threatened or special status species and provide a directory of native fish articles appearing in

aquarium publications. Membership cost \$11/yr. Mail application inquires to: Robert E. Schmidt, Simon's Rock, Alkford Rd., Gt. Barrington, MA 01230.

International Conference on Constructed Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment – This conference was held 13-16 June 1988 in Chattanooga, TN. Anyone desiring information may contact the Wetland Conference Coordinator, 7601 West Summit Hill Drive, Old City Hall Building, Knoxville, TN 37902, (615) 632-4645.

The Delaware Estuary: Rediscovering A Forgotten Resource – A new book from the University of Delaware Sea Grant College Program, oversized, softbound, 150 pages including historical and color photographs, maps, graphs, and species identification guides. Price is \$20 from University of Delaware Sea Grant Communications, 196 South College Avenue, Newark, DE 19716.

Fishes of Arkansas – This publication by Henry W. Robison and Thomas M. Buchanan is now available from The University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville, 72701. Price is \$50 cloth and \$30 paper plus \$1.50 shipping.

The Directory of National Environmental Organizations – The third edition of this directory lists addresses and descriptions of over 375 non-governmental conservation organizations including the Southeastern Fishes Council. Hardbound, updated to mid-1988, organized into 40 major environmental subject areas. Cost is \$35 ppd from: US Environmental Directories, P.O. Box 65156, St. Paul, MN 55165.

Walleye Alert – It has been discovered by Brian Murphey and associates at Texas A & M University Wildlife and Fisheries Dept. that a genetically unique population of walleye exists in the Tenn-Tom system in Luxapollila Creek. In sampling walleye from over 15 states, this population is the only one fixed for all electrophoretic loci sampled. Additional details will be forthcoming in a note to be published in the next PROCEEDINGS. Discussions regarding the conservation status of this form will be welcomed during our April meeting.

SFC Meeting – Our business meeting will be held in conjunction with ASB at UNC Charlotte, NC 4-5:15 PM, Friday, 7 April in the Olmsted Room of the Hilton at University Place.

State of the Journal – I have four manuscripts in backlog to hopefully be coming out in May, 1989 as Number 19. The following is an outline regarding manuscript preparation. Longer papers (>5 pages) and shorter notes should be in the same format.

Southeastern Fishes Council PROCEEDINGS

Information for Contributors

The primary intent of the PROCEEDINGS is to publish research papers, critical reviews of problems, area reports and other pertinent information pertaining to the biology and conservation of Southeastern fishes.

Manuscripts should be submitted in duplicate with the original on good quality bond paper. A good guide for manuscript preparation is the *Fifth Edition of the CBE Style Manual* (1983) available from the Council for Biology Editors, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

The entire manuscript including the abstract (if desired), text, Literature Cited, tables, headings and legends must be double-spaced. The title, author's name and author's address should be centered on the first page. Indicate a suggested running head of less than ten words at the bottom of the text. Acknowledgements will be cited in the text immediately before the Literature Cited. All references cited in the paper will follow the standard format of using the last name of the author(s) followed by the year alphabetical by the author's last name and chronological under a single authorship. The entire reference should be given with the complete name of the journal spelled out if possible.

Tables should be typed on a separate page, consecutively numbered and should have a short descriptive heading. Figures (to include maps, graphs, charts, drawings and photographs) should be consecutively numbered and if grouped as one figure each part block lettered in the lower left corner. In general, high quality prints or photocopies are preferred to the original line art. Legends for figures must be on a separate sheet and each figure must be identified on the back. The desired location of each table or figure should be indicated in the margin of the manuscript.

Manuscripts will be subject to editing and will be reviewed by a least one person expert in the subject matter. The edited manuscript and page proofs ("galley") will be furnished to the author. Reprints will be available at a nominal cost.

Regional reports, news notes and other short communications will also be edited and included when possible in the next number.

Only manuscripts from members of the Southeastern Fishes Council will be considered for publication. There is no charge for publishing in the PROCEEDINGS. All manuscripts and short communications should be sent to the editor of the PROCEEDINGS:

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