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- 1) Dissolve 1 gram basic fuchsin in 100 ml water. Heat to dissolve.
- 2) Cool solution.
- 3) Add 20 ml 1 N HCl, and 1.7 grams sodium met-sulfide ($\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_5$) and stir for several hours.
- 4) Add about 4 or more grams of charcoal (acid-washed "Norit A"), stir 5-10 minutes and filter. If necessary, add more charcoal, stir and refilter until the filtrate is completely colorless.
- 5) Store reagent in a dark bottle in the refrigerator. Schiff's reagent is stable to storage for several years; however, we have no information regarding the stability of the indicator paper.

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1988 Business Meeting Southeastern Fishes Council

The Southeastern Fishes Council meet at Biloxi, Mississippi in the Ship Island Room of the Biloxi Hilton on April 15, 1988. Chairman Robert E. Jenkins presided. The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:24 PM, CDT.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the 1987 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

	<u>Balance</u>
Checking account (rec'd from previous Treasurer)	\$ 623.04
Assets:	
1988 dues rec'd at at 1987 meeting	60.00
1988 dues rec'd as of 4/12/88	670.00
Donations as of 4/12/88	<u>120.00</u>
	850.00
	1473.04
Debits:	
Cost of Issue No. 17 of PROCEEDINGS	(385.01)
Service charge on checking account	(1.41)
	(386.49)
	1086.55
Balance in Checking Account (4/12/88)	1086.55
Paine Webber Cash Fund (3/23/88)	<u>1645.74</u>
Total Assets (4/1/88)	\$2732.19

Editors Report:

Mike Stevenson reported that in the past year he had received a sufficient number of manuscripts to produce one issue of the PROCEEDINGS. He distributed information for contributors and requested that individuals submit manuscripts. Upon acceptance of a manuscript for publication the author(s) will receive Galley proofs prior to printing. Reprints are available for a nominal fee.

Mike also indicated that back issues of most issues of the PROCEEDINGS are available. Individuals wishing to receive copies should contact Mike at: Dept. of Biological Sciences, Univ. of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148. Old fish buttons are also available.

Several questions from the floor were heard regarding the type of style which will be employed in the future and the number of typographical errors in issue No.17. Mike indicated that the small type style used in issue no. 17 will be employed for future printings. He also acknowledged some mistakes had been made and noted that steps would be taken to correct these problems.

Old Business:

The subject of a new "Natural History Journal" as an outlet for manuscripts on fishes remains a possibility. Discussion on this topic continued for several minutes. It was noted that the editors of Copeia are investigating the possibility of converting to some form of "Desk Top Publishing." This should decrease the amount of time to get an article published and also reduce costs.

Jim Williams noted that the problem was not one of cost or time for publication. Rather, it is a matter of an outlet for natural history notes. Several individuals commented on the need for a new journal and the apparent views (either real or perceived) of the Copeia editors regarding these types of manuscripts.

At the conclusion of comment of this issue Bob Jenkins stated that he would write to the North Carolina State Museum to inquire if they had any plans regarding publication of such a journal.

New Business:

Bob Cashner informed the members of a letter he received from Steve Plantania regarding a "4th of July fish count." The Desert Fishes Council has been conducting a fish count for a number of years and they would like to request that the SFC begin a similar project. (Following the minutes is a summary paraphrasing Steve's letter.)

Regional Reports:

Regional reports were presented by the following individuals and copies will be mailed to Mike Stevenson for publication in the PROCEEDINGS.

Region 1, North East, Bob Jenkins

Region 2, South East, Carter Gilbert

Region 3, North Central, David Etnier (by Bob Jenkins)

Region 4, South Central, Rick Mayden

Region 5, North West, Henry Robison (by Bob Jenkins)

Region 6, South West, Bob Cashner (with additions by R.D. Suttikus)

At the conclusion of the Regional Reports, Jim Williams made some comments regarding developments pertaining to exotics. The Rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*) has been imported into Arkansas by bait fish farmers. Last October, during flooding, this species escaped into the local streams. Florida and Alabama have now passed laws specifically limiting this species. Many other states have laws limiting importation of exotics, however, there appears to be some question as to how these apply to bait fish. Recently North Dakota indicated that they wish to introduce *Lucioperca* (zander). There is evidence that this species could tolerate warm water and therefore move downstream to Memphis or Baton Rouge.

After some discussion regarding regulations governing collecting permits Bob Jenkins stated he will write all states for information on collecting permits.

The 1989 meeting will be held in Charlotte, NC with ASB, April 5-9. In 1990 we will meet the ASIH in Charleston, SC.

The meeting ended at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

W. Wieland
Secretary/Treasurer

OPEN LETTER TO SFC MEMBERS

From: Steven P. Platania

To: Interested Parties

28 March 1988

At the 1987 Desert Fishes Council meeting in Hermosillo, Mexico, a special symposium on monitoring of fish populations was held. The main reoccurring theme

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throughout the session was the need for annual systematic monitoring of fish populations throughout the southwest.

It was suggested that one possible way to conduct such a program was to initiate a census similar to the ornithologists' Christmas Bird Count. This idea has received the support of the Desert Fishes Council and we are going to try to initiate it in 1988.

Each participant should select one or two sites, preferably close to where they live or work, for sampling. Remember, the idea is that this/these same site/sites will be collected each successive year during the census period.

Our goal for the first year of this fish count is to have at least two different individuals sampling in different sections of each of the states covered by the Desert Fishes Council (hopefully more). We too will use a holiday as the focal point of our count and at several peoples suggestions, have picked the 4th of July. In order to allow plenty of time for collections to be made you will have three weekends around which sampling could be performed (June 27 - July 11).

There are certainly a number of questions, which I have not addressed and I hope to do that in the next letter. In the meantime, give this project some thought as I am open to any and all suggestions. Also, if you have a suggestion for what we should call this endeavor, let me know.

REGIONAL SFC REPORTS

REGION 1 - North East

The Roanoke logperch *Percina rex*, was originally petitioned by N.M. Burkhead for threatened status nationally. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service deems it worthy of endangered status; the process of its formal enlistment is well underway. In the same petition the orange-fin madtom, *Norturus gilberti*, was also considered to merit threatened status, but the USFWS judged it does not warrant federal status.

Conferral of status to the Roanoke logperch and designation of much of upper Roanoke River and its main forks as critical habitat would protect much of the distinctive, species upper Roanoke ichthofauna. That fauna currently is threatened by a proposed reservoir on a small Roanoke River tributary near Salem. The purpose of the reservoir, planned by Roanoke County authorities, is storage of drinking water that is to be