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regarding the "Tulloch Rule" involving Section 404 of the Clean Water Act have weakened the regulatory position of agencies monitoring instream sand and gravel operations.

John L. Harris

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The Fish Team at the Waterways Experiment Station - Jack Killgore, Jan Hoover, Phil Kirk, Steven George, and Bradley Lewis have been active as usual. Neil Douglas, Northeast Louisiana University, conducts fieldwork with the team, and catalogs and curates all specimens collected (NLU Museum of Zoology). Two student team members, Reid Adams and Jim Morrow, recently graduated from the University of Mississippi. Reid is now studying at Southern Illinois University and Jim has started his own consulting firm. Experimental habitat restoration techniques are under study by Jack, Steven, and Bradley. At Cypress Bayou, TX (Red River Drainage), effects of controlled water releases on spawning are being evaluated. Spring-summer hydrographs are varied each year; abundance, diversity, and chronology of larval fishes are documented so that water releases providing maximum benefits to fishes may be identified. Swimming performance studies of several fishes in laboratory streams were conducted this summer by Reid, Jan, and Jack. These included the endangered pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) and the Eurasian round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*). Swimming endurance models were developed, and station-holding behaviors described, for both species. Studies provided insights into microhabitats likely to be inhabited by pallid sturgeon and of the possible containment of round goby dispersal. Model hydraulic barriers were created and installed in a circular laboratory racetrack by Bradley, and effects on containment of goby monitored by videography. Results indicated that low water velocities provided nearly 100% short-term containment of the goby. Morphological variation in chondrosteans is being studied by Steven. Ontogenetic variation in rostrum dimensions of paddlefish from the Big Sunflower River (Yazoo River Drainage) is described in a recently completed study. Ontogenetic and interspecific variation in morphometrics are being evaluated for lower Mississippi River Basin shovelnose and pallid sturgeons. Recent acquisition of some juvenile pallid sturgeons from Upper Missouri-Yellowstone, Lower Missouri, and Lower Mississippi-Atchafalaya hatcheries will allow some evaluation of intraspecific variation among populations.

Christine Davis (Northeast Louisiana University) is studying age, growth and reproduction of the scaly sand darter, *Etheostoma vivax* in a Gulf coastal plain watershed. Brian Hooper (NLU) is examining proportional stock density of largemouth bass *Micropterus salmoides* in Black Bayou Lake, an urban NWR. Continuing studies on gobioid fishes at NLU are fast making it the Sleeper Center of the Southeast. Taking

a cue from his student, Bryan Cage, who is finishing his thesis reviewing *Eleotris* from the eastern Pacific, F. Pezold is pushing his work on the Atlantic *Eleotris* to completion, typing the final draft of a revision of *Gobionellus* that includes a key to all the species being removed to *Ctenogobius* (most of them), finishing a revision of *Oxyurichthys* this summer with visiting scholar and gobiologist, Helen Larson of the Northern Territory Museum, Australia (one species occurs in marine waters off the SE US- *Oxyurichthys stigmaphius*) and starting a revision of *Dormitator* with Mike Taylor of Tulane.

Frank Pezold

Changes to Bylaws of the SFC Constitution

The following change has been made to the SFC By Laws. The entire SFC Constitution and Bylaws can be viewed at: <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/sfc/sfcconstitution.htm>.

Article II. Section 5. Editorial Board.--The Editorial Board shall be comprised of the Editor, Associate Editor, and three Subject Editors. The Editor shall be responsible for managing all aspects of publication of the Proceedings of the Southeastern Fishes Council and other publications of the Council. The Associate Editor shall assist the Editor as needed in her/his duties and additionally shall be responsible for the budget and production of the Proceedings of the Southeastern Fishes Council and other publications of the Council. The Subject Editors, appointed by the Chair to four year terms, shall be responsible for obtaining reviews of manuscripts forwarded to them by the Editor, overseeing final revisions of manuscripts, and returning revised manuscripts to the Managing Editor for final processing. Subject Editors also would be responsible for soliciting high-quality manuscripts for publication in Proceedings of the Southeastern Fishes Council, including, but not limited to, reviews, syntheses, or papers to form series on specific topics.

25th Annual SFC Meeting

The Southeastern Fishes Council will meet with the Association of Southeastern Biologists at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW), 14 - 17, April 1999. All ASB activities except the Thursday evening social and field trips will be held at the Wilmington Hilton Hotel and at the adjacent Coastal Convention Center in downtown Wilmington. For additional information, visit the ASB Meeting web site:

www.uncwil.edu/bio/asb/asbprog.htm

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Information For Contributors

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