

Annual Report to the North Carolina Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Environmental Concerns Committee

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The committee sent a [letter of concern to the NC Division of Land Resources about floodplain mining](#) along mountain streams in North Carolina. This activity was identified as a concern largely because of the excessive stream bank failure and corresponding fish habitat degradation that occurred at several mines during the 2004 floods. The committee also distributed the resolution on the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program in North Carolina, a program which was administered by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service to address erosion following the 2004 floods. The resolution included concerns about effects of the stream repair work on fishery habitats. Mr. Leonard Jordan, Director of the Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance Division with the USDA NRCS, acknowledged and responded to the concerns by providing additional information about the program. As with other actions by the committee, the floodplain mining letter and EWP resolution and related materials are now available on the website link thanks to the assistance of Jerry Finke.

The committee is looking forward to working on new issues and activities and has some new faces in that effort. Two former Wildlife Resources Commission employees, Mickey Clemmons and Win Taylor, both of whom now work in the environmental engineering sector, have joined the committee.



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