

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 14, 2003
Meeting Time: 1 p.m.
Meeting Place: SHA / OPPE Conference Room

Attendees:

Name	Representing
R. Veeramachaneni	SHA/HHD
R. Shreeve	SHA/EPD
Heather Amick	SHA/PPD
S. Elinsky	USACOE
D. O'Leary	SHA/HHD/NMP
G. Golden	DNR
C. Gougeon	DNR
W. Schultz	USFWS
D. Marshall	MCDEP
B. Bernstein	SHA/EPD/KCI
C. Weinkam	SHA/EPD/CR

Today's Date: March 18, 2003
Subject: ICC Brown Trout

Minutes:

The purpose of the meeting was to further discuss Brown Trout issues and develop a team for establishing and attaining group goals.

Discussion:

- History of the fishery (from C.G.)
 - Station on Good Hope began in 1979 for electrofishing.
 - Trout stocking dates back to 1929.
 - In the lower portion of the watershed, fish have been found upstream of BARC property and downstream to Metzert Road.
 - '03 was the first year when no "young of the year" were found in Good Hope and other tributaries.

- '02 groundwater lowest on record and contributed to fishery failure.
- Water is clear but hydrology isn't right, e.g. cobble material found on point bars.
- Paint Branch is among the last of urban trout streams.
- Maintaining Paint Branch is essential part of Anacostia Restoration efforts.
- Option "G" -from previous studies (above Hobbs Drive) - crosses the historically most productive (highest number of trout) fishery in the watershed.
- Good Hope is at 10.2% impervious (D.M.)
- SHA's approach to SWM (R.V.)
 - Treat 1-1/2 inches of runoff.
 - Divert flows around critical fisheries.
 - Can we add cold water to Good Hope?
 - Temperature sensitive switch or other technology.
 - Provide Channel Protection Volume (Cpv) but not Overbank Flood Protection Volume (Qp). Qp would likely access floodplain unless stream deeply incised / entrenched.
- FHWA (D.J.) meets with special interest groups, so maybe he should be included or get minutes from this group.

Other business:

- Work Group attendees should (and does) include MWCOG and MNCPPC representatives. Difficulty in attending may be a result of location.
 - Meet in the watershed to get better participation?
- How frequently should this group meet? Next meeting in January '04.
- Do road salting operations impact the fishery? If so, is it correctable?

Meeting adjourned.