

Cheoah River Resource Management and Enhancement Fund

Annual Meeting

October 13, 2015, 12:00 noon

US Fish & Wildlife Service Office Conference Room

160 Zillicoa Street

Asheville, NC

Meeting Notes

Participants: Mike Bolt (EBCI)*Chair

Chris Goudreau (NCWRC)*

Bryan Tompkins (USFWS)*

Jason Farmer (USFS)*

Fred Tarver (NCDEQ)*

Myra Hair (Brookfield)

Marshall Olson (Brookfield)

* indicates Board member

1. Introductions

After introductions, Mike Bolt opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

2. Update of Finances

Fred Tarver provided the financial report prepared by Darren England.

As of 10/07/15 the fund had \$53,397 for new projects.

3. Updates of Funded Projects

a. Yellow Creek Falls trail (LTLT)

Myra will ask Dennis Desmond about the sign.

b. Propagation of Olive Darters (CFI)

A two year no cost extension was approved to 2018

c. Captive culture and reintroduction of fishes and mussels (NCWRC)

Chris Goudreau provided a report on behalf of Steve Fraley.

A total of 12,185 mussels and 500 Spotfin chub are currently in the hatchery.

Stocking of adults will occur next week.

d. Gravel augmentation (NCWRC and others)

The best mussel habitat is in the upper two miles. Further discussion will be needed about feasibility of directing gravel augmentation to the upper section instead of throughout the entire 9-mile reach.

4. Review of Fund Proposals for 2015

A proposal from Ryan McManamay to establish a long-term monitoring program was discussed (again). It was decided a conference call will be needed with Ryan to determine the scope of work.

5. Other Fund Board Business.

Fred Tarver will obtain final LTLT report on invasive species @ Yellow Creek.

6. Select Chair for 2016

Jason Farmer was selected as Fund Board Chair for 2016.

7. Adjourn