Dr. Derek Crane’s (Coastal Carolina University) Draft Agenda for ‘southern muskie’ working group teleconference:

Should we establish a Southern ETC or join the North Central Division ETC?

1. Positive – Communication and potential collaboration across a broad range
2. Negative – Logistics (travel to meetings, NCD ETC meets at Midwest and in the summer)
3. Any ideas on how other technical committees with members from multiple regional divisions handle this?

Objectives of Southern ETC

1. Advance management of southern Muskellunge populations
2. Identify Muskellunge management and research priorities
3. Encourage collaboration among biologists/academics across states to develop a better understanding of Muskellunge biology and ecology at broad and fine spatial scales
4. Identify funding sources for Muskellunge management and research projects
5. Conserve native Muskellunge populations

Officer structure and budget (If we want a Southern ETC)

1. ETC or Southern Muskellunge Technical Committee? Most states in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions are not managing other esocid populations (some NP in Mid-Atlantic states and Chain Pickerel in several states, but not many management activities)
2. Cory Kovacs and Curt Wagner can comment on the officer structure and how individuals become members of NCD ETC, what the general operating budget is, how funds are raised and used.
3. If we choose to form a Southern ETC how do we become an officially recognized AFS tech committee?

Southern Musky Symposium -Many have expressed interest in holding a Southern Musky Symposium

1. When?
2. Within a divisional or regional AFS meeting or separate?