



NANFA Convention 2024
Beavers Bend State Park
4350 OK-259A Broken Bow, OK 74728
(Follow Signs from Visitors Center)
June 6-9

Thursday June 6: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- Informal Check in and come and go in front of meeting room (follow signs from visitors center, dead end road, can't miss it)
- Display tanks and booths
- Demo's (otolith and pharyngeal teeth), more TBD.
- Hot dogs 4:00-6:00

Friday June 7: Beavers Bend State Park Meeting Room

9:00 pm – 4:00 pm Presentations

7:00 pm – 10:30 pm Banquet and Auction

Saturday June 8 and Sunday June 9: Field Trips 8:30 – 6:00 pm (or as late as there is interest in staying)

8:30 am Meet in front of meeting room and disperse for field trips
Exact locations for field trips will be determined in early June and depending on:
water levels, vegetation growth and recent fish numbers

- Field trips will be led by retired OU ichthyologists Dr's Bill Matthews and Edie Marsh Matthews, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Oklahoma Conservation Commission fisheries personnel.
- There will be trips to upland sites in the Ouachita Mountains on the Mountain Fork, Little, Glover and Kiamichi Rivers, with specific sites depending on rainfall and recent fish collections.
- The primary targets for upland trips are Kiamichi Shiner, Ouachita Mountain Shiners, Rocky Shiner, Steelcolor Shiner, Orangebelly Darters, and Caddoan Longear. Upland streams are moderately clear and very rocky. Sampling or even walking can be challenging.
- There will also be trips to lowland sites along the Gulf Coastal Plain. Primary targets are Flier, Banded Pygmy Sunfish, Redfin Pickerel, Western Starheaded Topminnow, Bowfin, Pirate Perch and other Gulf Coastal Plain Sp's. Lowland sites will be heavily vegetated and challenging to sample.
- Short (rotate in and out) afternoon electrofishing trips will be offered to the Hugo Lake tailwater on the Lower Kiamichi River. Primary targets for these trips are large Paddlefish, Bigmouth and Smallmouth Buffalo, Freshwater Drum, and Catfish. Other possible catches are Blue Sucker and Alligator Gar.

Tentative Presentation Agenda

9:00 - 9:20	Welcome to Oklahoma and Overview	B. Brown
9:20 - 9:40	Nongame Fish Regulations: What Do We Know and What Do We Need to Know?	D. Zetner
9:40 - 10:00	Kiamichi River Fish Community	C. Porter
10:00-10:20	Blue Suckers in the Red River System	J. Dyer
10:20-10:40	Break	
10:40-11:00	ODWC Hatchery Research/SGCN propagation	B. Beverly
11:00-11:20	Oklahoma Fishes: A Regional Approach (Forthcoming Book)	B. Matthews/ E. Marsh Mathews
11:20-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-1:20	Skipjack Herring Sampling in the Arkansas River	D. King
1:20-1:40	Redfin Darters in Oklahoma	D. Wallace
1:40-2:00	USFWS/Silver Carp/ Alligator Snapping Turtle propagation	B. Fillmore
2:00-2:15	Break	
2:15-2:35	USFS/Red Slough and Leopard Darters	R. Bastarache
2:35-2:55	One at a Time: Hook and Line Bighead Carp Removal in Grand Lake	B. Baker (<i>virtual</i>)
2:55-3:30	A Look Back at Native Fishes	T. Patton
3:30-4:00	USFWS Alligator Gar and Paddlefish propagation	R. Simmons
4:00-7:00	BREAK	
7:00-10:30	Banquet and Auction	