

Table 2. Scales Not Possessing Correct Number of Annuli

MONTH	BLUEGILL		BASS	
	Number collected	Percentage not having correct number of annuli	Number collected	Percentage not having correct number of annuli
MARCH	26	3.8	4	0
APRIL	10	0	4	0
MAY	22	13.6	7	0
JUNE	58	13.8	42	9.5
JULY	98	30.6	57	1.8
AUGUST	31	25.8	40	35.0
SEPTEMBER	19	0	60	16.7
OCTOBER	0	0	37	21.6
NOVEMBER	0	0	21	33.3

### SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society was held in Asheville, North Carolina, October 23-26, 1966. Over 150 members were registered for the meeting. Attendance at the technical sessions exceeded 200 on numerous occasions. The Southern Division meeting is held in conjunction with the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners and the Southeastern Section of the Wildlife Society. The Law Enforcement Section, Information and Education Section and the Engineering Section joined in the meeting. Over 800 people were in attendance representing these facets of fish and game conservation.

Some of the highlights of this meeting included outstanding papers on trout, estuarine fisheries and freshwater fisheries. A one-half day session was devoted to the research findings and developments in the culture and implications of the striped bass in reservoirs and estuaries.

A report was presented on plans for the forthcoming Reservoir Symposium to be held in Athens, Georgia on April 5-7, 1967. The outstanding array of papers to be presented at this Symposium promises to be very rewarding to all interested reservoir scientists. The \$20.00 registration fee will be used to defray cost of publication and other incidental expenses.

L. Price Wilkins, Tennessee, was presented the C. W. Watson Award in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments. His efforts to preserve and increase the trout fishery in the state have attained national attention. All society members can applaud this honor tendered to one of our deserving fishery scientist.

Officers elected were: President—James T. Davis, Louisiana;

President - Elect — Robert Martin, Virginia; Secretary - Treasurer — Janice S. Hughes, Louisiana; Member of AFS Nominating Committee — Robert Stevens, North Carolina. The past president, Alex B. Montgomery, Georgia completes the executive committee of the Southern Division.

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## LEGAL SUBJECTS AS THE CORE OF A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OFFICERS

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My credentials for talking with you this afternoon lie mainly in my experience as a teacher in conservation officer training programs. As a part of my job at the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina I have participated in training schools for wildlife protectors for eight years, and during the last five years I have also helped plan and conduct schools for the fisheries inspectors of our Department of Conservation and Development. My general field of interest at the Institute has been criminal law and procedure, and it is on this basis and from this viewpoint that I became acquainted with North Carolina's conservation programs.

As I have had no particular experience with conservation officer training programs in other states, I will need to present the fruits of our experience in the context of our programs here—not only the *what* and the *how* but most especially the *why*—so you may draw your own comparisons and conclusions. Thus if I seem to talk overmuch about the situation in North Carolina it is not so much to hold ourselves out as a model as to help make meaningful for you the insights and conclusions we have reached regarding our training programs. For the sake of simplicity, I am confining this talk to our experiences at the Institute of Government with the training program of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

### *Institute of Government*

First, let me tell you something about the Institute of Government. Its beginnings were a series of outside-the-classroom activities of Albert Coates, a law professor at the University, more than thirty-five years ago. Professor Coates, hoping to enrich his course in criminal law, started a series of field trips to police and sheriffs' departments, prosecutors' offices, and the local trial courts. The gulf between the law in action and the law in books was even greater than he had expected. But in continuing his studies, he found a curious thing. The officers in the field were greatly helpful in teaching him about the practical problems, but he found he could also help them—in two important ways. (1) He found many instances in which ignorance of the law was a severe handicap leading to inefficient local variations. (2) Even on the practical level he found a wide variation—and he, as one who had observed the procedures in a number of places, found he could serve as a "clearinghouse of ideas."

The discovery gave the Professor an idea of a continuing service to local officials; he would institutionalize his "clearinghouse of ideas." As his interests were in public law generally, he broadened his target to include assistance to others than those connected with law enforce-