

OPINION 2093 (Case 3249)***Lithasia* Haldeman, 1840 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the name *Lithasia* Haldeman, 1840 is conserved for a genus of freshwater prosobranch gastropods (family PLEUROCERIDAE) from the eastern United States by the suppression of the senior subjective synonym *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Gastropoda; PLEUROCERIDAE; freshwater prosobranch gastropods; *Lithasia*; *Lithasia geniculata*; eastern United States.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is ruled that the name *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818 is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818, as suppressed in (1) above;
 - (b) *Ellipsostoma* Agassiz, 1846 (an incorrect subsequent spelling of *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818);
 - (c) *Ellipsoma* Millard, 1997 (an incorrect subsequent spelling of *Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818).

History of Case 3249

An application to conserve the name *Lithasia* Haldeman, 1840 for a genus of freshwater prosobranch gastropods (family PLEUROCERIDAE) from the eastern United States was received from Russell L. Minton (*Department of Zoology, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, U.S.A.*) and Arthur E. Bogan (*North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, U.S.A.*) on 17 July 2002. The generic name *Lithasia*, type species by monotypy *Lithasia geniculata* Haldeman, 1840, was placed on the Official List of Official Names in Zoology in Opinion 1195 (BZN 38: 259, November 1991). After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 103–108 (June 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 104. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2004 the votes were as follows: 23 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 1 Commissioner voted AGAINST, Ng was on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- Ellipstoma* Rafinesque, 1818, *American Monthly Magazine and Critical Review*, 4: 42.
Ellipsostoma Agassiz, 1846, *Nomenclator zoologicus, continens nomina systematica generum animalium, tam viventium quam fossilium*, p. 33.
Ellipsoma Millard, 1997, *Classification of Mollusca. A classification of world wide Mollusca*, p. 86.



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