



Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission

Quarterly Meeting / Jicarilla Apache Nation - Dulce, NM / October 12, 2007

Meeting Convened at approx. 9:30 AM

Membership Attendance (Tribe / Rep)

1. Mescalero Apache Tribe	Butch Blazer (Chairman)
2. Southern Ute Tribe	Steve Whiteman (Secretary-Treasurer)
3. Jicarilla Apache Nation	Kevin Terry
4. Zuni Pueblo	Nelson Luna
5. Sandia Pueblo	Paul Holmes
6. Cochiti Pueblo	Kai-T Blue Sky
7. Laguna Pueblo	Alisha Antonio
8. Santa Clara Pueblo	Lawrence Singer
9. Navajo Nation	Jeff Cole
10. Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Not present
11. San Carlos Apache Tribe	Not present
12. Isleta Pueblo	Not present
13. Picuris Pueblo	Not present
14. Ute Tribe (U&O)	Not present
15. Okay Owingeh	Not present

Other Guests:

Mike Montoya, SWTFC Executive Director / MAT Fisheries
Norman Jojola, BIA Northern Pueblos Agency
Jennifer Smith, BIA Mescalero Agency
Joe Jojola, BIA SW Regional Office
Ben Zimmerman, Southern Ute Fisheries
Pete (and Marlene) Stine, retired USFWS

Welcome / Opening Comments (Mike Montoya)

Blessings were offered by Lawrence Singer and Paul Holmes
Mike Montoya provided brief opening comments, meeting overview

Approval of past minutes / Financial Status (Steve Whiteman)

Steve presented the July 26th minutes (from San Carlos) for approval
Edits regarding a couple of statements made by Paul Holmes at the previous meeting were discussed
Paul motioned for approval of minutes (with edits), 2nd from Kevin Terry; minutes approved by consensus vote
Last reported balance (from the June 25th bank statement) was \$20,893.67
Current balance (from most recently received statement, Sept 26) is \$20,993.67, for a net increase of \$100.00.
There were no expenses for the reported period, and only one deposit for \$100.
The \$100 was a membership fee paid by Acoma Pueblo; however, we have yet to receive a membership resolution
The SWTFC funds are made up primarily of tribal donations and Commission membership dues

Jicarilla Fisheries Program Overview (Kevin Terry)

Kevin provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Jicarilla Fisheries Program. Some highlights included:
Identification of staff of the Jicarilla Game & Fish Department
Rec fishing is available to both tribal and non-tribal anglers, and game species include trout, bass, bluegill, catfish
70% of mgmt effort goes toward recreational fisheries; 30% of effort toward native fisheries
Kevin discussed fishing and management at several Jicarilla lakes (Mundo, Stone, Enbom, Horse, various ponds)
Jicarilla streams include Navajo River, Chama River, Azotea Tunnel
Drought has presented huge challenges in maintaining suitable lake water quality (excessive pH, temps, plants, etc.)
Lakes that are "Out of Order" due to drought – Dulce Lake, LaJara Lake, Hayden Lake

Rec Fishing Goals: Quality, information, TM/Local focus, diverse fish, events, clean/safe, access, stocking
Native fish elements: cooperation, community programs, RGCT team, 3 Species
Kevin talked about successes with the trout-in-the-classroom project

BREAK (10:50 - 11:05)

Executive Director Report (Mike Montoya)

MTFH has made 56 fish deliveries (to date) for calendar 2007; ahead of 2006 (52 deliveries)
230K fish (117K lbs) have been produced in 2007; about the max capacity of MTFH currently
Still need major capital improvements to approach production when the hatchery was operated by FWS
\$79K in BIA 638 contract for hatchery O&M in FY06; Only \$30K so far for FY07 – far short of needs
Picuris rearing facility is now operational; stocking has already begun
Cochiti have successfully developed a grow-out facility; now stocking fish from the facility
Limited assistance was provided to Jicarilla (provision of eggs) for the trout-in-classroom program
MTFH will provide trout eggs to any Tribe interested in the classroom program; contact Mike
MAT has submitted draft MOU with NMGF, SWTFC on cooperative work on RGC broodstock
Mike will be providing the latest draft of the MOU to the SWTFC BOD

Educational Program Update (Kai-T Blue Sky)

Kai-T has established the *Indigenous Nations Environmental Youth Alliance*, headquartered at MTFH
This is a program to help guide college-prep/high school students with education/career decisions
Program focuses on getting students involved in hands-on projects on reservations
Students learn practical applications in sciences, ecology, habitat, resource management, etc.
Kai-T pointed out other very important educational emphases, such as: American Indian-US history, cultural
persistence, self-determination, sovereignty, tribal and federal law, water law, etc.
Mike suggested that tribes interested in participating in such an alliance @ regional level should contact Kai-T

Santa Clara RGC Project Update (Lawrence Singer)

A meeting was held in August to discuss piscicide use, barriers, and general project location
Presently the Pueblo is deciding whether or not the piscicide may be used
So far, project has been a positive cooperative effort between tribe, state, and federal agencies

Chairman's Report (Butch Blazer)

Butch discussed a meeting between NAFWS SW Region leadership and Executive Director, Fred Mat
Butch described the recent great improvement in relations between SW region and national office of NAFWS
Possible separation of SW Region from NAFWS is no longer considered necessary in Butch's view
Norman provided additional comments on NAFW Foundation (formerly connected to NAFWS)
Fred Mat indicated his personal commitment to resolving NAFW Foundation "issue"; \$300K+ at stake
Norman hopes to have NAFWF re-recognized as fundraising arm of NAFWS by end of 2007
Important fixes will be made to NAFWF charter docs to ensure NAFWS will be the financially supported org.
Butch and Steve briefly summarized SWTFC's 501c(3) status:
IRS still requires some minor (but important) changes to the SWTFC bylaws
Steve will be sending out a 30-day meeting notice for mid-late November
The meeting will be held in ABQ and 10 voting members will be required to officially approve the changes
The changes are relatively minor and do not represent any change to SWTFC's mission, goals, org, etc.
Jeff Cole provided an overview of the Fundraising Committee's current status and afternoon meeting agenda

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM

Next Meetings:

SWTFC Bylaws Amendment for IRS – November 2007 (Details to be determined)

Quarterly BOD Meeting – January 2008 (Details to be determined)

Meeting Minutes taken by:

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SWTFC Fundraising Committee Meeting

Dulce, NM / October 12, 2007

Meeting Convened at 2:00PM

Attendance: Butch Blazer
Steve Whiteman
Mike Montoya
Kevin Terry
Nelson Luna
Jeff Cole
Norman Jojola
Ben Zimmerman
Alisha Antonio
Kai-T Blue Sky

Kevin suggested a "Commission Stamp" that could be sold with tribal fishing permits; will research more
Jeff started with discussion of whether the SWTFC should partner with another entity on a fundraising event
Jeff provided a summary of the items/hunts that have been donated so far to SWTFC
Marketing and advertising will be critical to the success of any fundraising event
Advertising needs to go directly to the hunting clientele of the tribes in order to generate significant funds
Norman believe first year would be most challenging for turn-out; event would be recognized in follow-up years
Butch recommends that the event be held in conjunction with the 2008 NAFWS regional meeting banquet
The group generally agreed that partnering with NAFWS on the event is a good option
As proposed, the event would raise funds primarily for SWTFC, and secondarily for NAFWS
Butch will be contacting SW NAFWS BOD Marilyn Ethelbah about NAFWS-SWTFC partnering on the event
Butch would like to have Marilyn attend SWTFC's November special meeting to discuss the idea with the group
Norman to work with Steve on utilizing SUIT's donated Jan '08 cow tag for SWTFC fundraising purposes

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM