



Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission

Quarterly Meeting / Radisson Hotel – Flagstaff, AZ / August 11, 2008

Meeting Convened at approx. 7:05 PM

Membership Attendance (Tribe / Rep)

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

Other Attendees:

Mike Montoya, Mescalero Tribe / SWTFC (via speakerphone)
Arnold Taylor, Hopi Tribe
Ben Zimmerman, Southern Ute Tribe
William Wadsworth, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Viola Willeto, Navajo Nation
Jennifer Smith, BIA Mescalero Agency
Joe Jojola, BIA SW Regional Office
Luke Montoya, BIA SW Regional Office
Joe Early, USFWS SW Region
Jeremy Voeltz, USFWS AZ FWAO and AFS

Welcome / Opening Comments (Butch Blazer)

Butch welcomed the group to the meeting, contacted Mike Montoya via speakerphone

Secretary / Treasurer Report (Steve Whiteman)

Steve presented past minutes for approval and gave update on SWTFC financial status:
April 25th quarterly meeting minutes were distributed via email following the meeting, per standard procedure
One correction submitted by Nelson Luna concerning SWTFC comment letter on Mt. Taylor uranium mining
Steve indicates the status on the Mt. Taylor comment letter is unclear at this point; draft still with Mike Montoya?
Motion for approval of past minutes from Kevin Terry, with 2nd by Nelson Luna. Unanimous approval by group.
Last reported bank account balance (from March 25, 2008 bank statement) was \$21,363.67
Current balance (from most recently received statement, June 24 2008) is \$21,413.67, for a net increase of \$50.
Total deposit was \$1,050, including:
 \$300 in annual membership dues from Okay Owingeh, Nambe, and Mescalero (\$100 each)
 \$500 donation from Mescalero Inn of the Mtn Gods
 \$250 donation from Mike Montoya
Total expenditure was \$1,000, including:
 \$1,000 donation to Indigenous Nations Environmental Youth Alliance (“INEYA”)
Expense was initially planned to cover INEYA group travel to attend NAFWS National Conference in Yakama
However, travel expense was subsequently covered by local Mescalero schools

SWTFC's \$1,000 donation (currently held by Mike in trust) was re-designated for INEYA general support, OR
End-of-season bonuses for min-wage INEYA crew members working at MTFH
(5 members would receive approx. \$200 each; Each currently paid \$6/hr for 11 weeks work, or 440 hrs)
There were no objections or concerns indicated by the group with this proposed use of SWTFC funds

Chairman Report (Butch Blazer)

Funding Opportunity

The SWTFC fundraiser will be held in conjunction with NAFWS auction at Flagstaff conference
Butch has made contacts with individuals in L.A. interested in donating to charitable cause, such as SWTFC
Butch to consult with Executive Committee on preparations for funding request/presentation to L.A. group
Butch plans to discuss with NM Cabinet Sec. on Indian Affairs a newsletter on tribal programs, like SWTFC

MOU Update

FWS appears ready to sign-off on broad MOU with SWTFC
Signing will take place at a ceremony, probably at next SWTFC quarterly meeting in ABQ
MOU is important to enable Service assistance to SWTFC, among other benefits
Mike Montoya spoke highly of Mike Oetker (new FWS Fisheries ARD) support for SWTFC
Butch anticipates inviting Tribal dignitaries to signing ceremony

MTFH Update Mike Montoya (via speakerphone)

Mike walked the group through a slide-show presentation on flood damage at hatchery facilities
Photos showed significant fish kill, extensive damage to hatchery facilities, buildings, roads, stream channel, etc.
Estimated fish losses at 31,000 lbs, or 40% of entire stock. Trophy fish were hardest hit at 90%.
Flood event was very comparable to a 1998 event; however, there was much greater fish survival due to outstanding
effort by Mike and support crews

Fishing Stamp Fundraiser

Kevin Terry briefly discussed fundraising stamp idea, reviewed sample Jicarilla Council resolution
Need tribal leaderships to approve funding donations (via stamp program) to SWTFC
Expect resolutions from: Jicarilla, Southern Ute, Mescalero, Sandia, Navajo

Update from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Jeremy Voeltz)

Jeremy notified the group re. AFS Western Division meeting in ABQ (hosted by AZ/NM Chapter of AFS)
Jeremy invites participation of SWTFC/tribes to discuss tribal fisheries at a symposium/session
Meeting will be May 3-7, 2009
Butch is strongly supportive of SWTFC/tribal involvement at this meeting
More information (flyers) will be provided at next SWTFC meeting in November

Motion by Kevin Terry to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Albert John; Unanimous approval
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Next Meeting:

**SWTFC Quarterly BOD Meeting – November 2008
BIA Southwest Regional Office, Albuquerque, NM**

Meeting Minutes taken by:

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