



SWTF Weekly Digest

June 2, 2020

Executive Directors Message of the week:

Happy June! With a little luck, this month won't be quite so disrupted and traumatic. With several of our member tribes still reporting new Coronavirus cases, and still on lock-down, that doesn't seem likely at the moment, but hope springs eternal! Please be safe and stay healthy!

From feast to famine: Last week, there seemed to be a huge number of announcements, notifications, and news items to share. This week, not so much. Still a few, but nothing like last weeks digest.

Be strong everyone and have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

SWTFC Business: Check for updates

1. [Request for feedback on Brochure.](#) Members, if you haven't commented on the SWTFC Brochure – linked in blue, please do so. Thanks!
2. [FERC Pumping](#) near the Little Colorado River – There is a new project being designed just OFF the little Colorado – the linked article is from AZCentral.

Member News Items of the week:

1. In addition to the high incidence of cases on the Navajo reservation the largest outbreaks of COVID-19 in Pueblo tribes continue to be in Zia, San Felipe, Zuni and Kewa (Santo Domingo). An additional nine Pueblos plus the Jicarilla and Mescalero Apache tribes each have a handful of cases. Here is a [story from the ABQ Journal on the topic.](#)
2. If you have stories (good news is always welcome), please share!

Other organization newsletters and news links:

1. [Water Policy Wins – via Audubon](#) -These policy wins were PRE-coronavirus!
2. [Western Regional Partnership April 2020 Newsletter](#) – This one is a few months old, but generally has some good information. I had fallen off the list, so will get it up sooner in the future.

Grant Opportunities:

1. [Native American Affairs Technical Assistance.](#) Reclamation's Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program is making up to \$1 million available in Fiscal Year 2021 for tribes and tribal organizations in the western United States to develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. Each selected project is eligible to receive up to \$200,000. The funding opportunity is available on www.grants.gov by searching for funding opportunity number BOR-

DO-20-F013. Applications are due on **October 28, 2020 at 4 p.m. MDT.** [News Release](#) and [Native American Affairs Homepage](#)

2. [Drought Resiliency Program](#). Reclamation's Drought Resiliency Program has released a Fiscal Year 2021 funding opportunity for communities to take a proactive approach to drought through building projects that increase water supply reliability, improve water management, or provide benefits for fish, wildlife and the environment. The drought resiliency projects funding opportunity is available at www.grants.gov by searching funding opportunity number BOR-DO-20-F002. Up to \$300,000 per agreement is available for a project that can be completed within two years. Up to \$750,000 per agreement is available for a project that can be completed within three years. Recipients must match the funding with a minimum of 50% non-federal cost-share. Applications are due on **July 8, 2020, at 4 p.m. MDT.** [News Release Drought Response Program](#) and [WaterSMART Program](#)
3. [Desert Fish Habitat Partnership](#) – 2021 request for proposals is now out! Due September 25, 2020 by 5pm.

Upcoming Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. **DOI Talent and DOI University.** I'm leaving these links up here just in case:1. DOI Talent: https://www.doi.gov/doitalent/nondoil_learners
2. DOI University Classes: <https://doiu.doi.gov/reg.asp?id=>

...and a variety of upcoming (with dates) and pre-recorded (without dates) webinars:

1. *6/1/2020 6/11/2020 Watershed Analysis & Hydrologic Modeling* - [Online DOI Talent](#) - Contact: clarisa_mathews@fws.gov
2. *6/16/2020 6/16/2020 Freshwater Mussel Conservation- NCTC webinar* - Contact: matthew_patterson@fws.gov
3. *6/30/2020 6/30/2020 Freshwater Mussel Conservation Webinar Series - NCTC webinar* - Contact: matthew_patterson@fws.gov
4. *6/30/2020 6/30/2020 Fish Sampling Techniques Introduction and Hoop Nets* TBD - Contact: alan_temple@fws.gov
5. *6/8/2020 6/12/2020 (Portland, OR) FWS-CSP4210 Statistical Modeling for Conservation* - Contact: sharon_howard@fws.gov
6. [AFS-Aging stock assessment – June 23rd](#)
7. [River Connectivity-AFS](#)
8. [Creating a movement to save migratory fish – from local to Global](#)

Updates and meeting information:

USFWS Tribal Wolf Working Group – June 16 from 10-12 noon MT (9-11 AZ time) to discuss, among other topics, updates on the wolf population, the revision of the 10j, and any other topics that you may want to discuss. **Contact Sarah Rinkevich for more information:** Rinkevich, Sarah <sarah_rinkevich@fws.gov>

NAFWS Regional Conference - the SW Regional Conference Committee has unanimously decided to cancel the 2020 SW Regional Conference that was to be held at the Santa Ana Star Hotel Casino on August 17-20, 2020.

NM USFWS Tribal ESA – 5/27/20 - Meeting minutes and presentations from the meeting are attached

Job Postings:

[USFWS- TERM Fisheries Biologist – GS-9 - Albuquerque: Closes June 8](#)

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