



## SWTF Weekly Digest

June 9, 2020

### Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning Everyone! As many communities start to reopen, more environmental regulations are rolled back, and protests boil across the country, I have to wonder, what does the rest of 2020 have in store for us all? How different will the working world look next year?

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

### News and Links:

1. San Carlos Apache representative Daniel Juan took and sent me this great picture a week or so ago. I personally love it, so am sharing here again. And it is on our Instagram @swtribalfisheriescommission , and on our website... I'd send it in for some sort of photo competition if I were you Daniel!



2. If you have stories or pictures (good news is always welcome), please share!
3. Tribal Water Security – The Western Regional Partnership is putting together a few webinars on water security (Federal, State, and Tribal) – what are your thoughts on this topic – I have a lot, but feel free to share!
4. White House delivers [Executive Order](#) reducing environmental review requirements for infrastructure projects (and others)

5. Act on the Clean Water Act! Trout Unlimited has a great website with draft letters to your congresspeople: [Stand up for Clean Water!](#)
6. Tribal Fish Habitat – In my role as Tribal Liaison to the National Fish Habitat Partnership, I have been thinking about this a lot. If you had to pick a number, what % of your tribal streams would you say are in good condition? Poor? Could you back that number up? I am currently looking for opportunities to develop an assessment process that we can use to generate some basic numbers about the condition of streams and fish habitat in Indian country. Please share any thoughts you have on this topic as well!
7. [Water Policy Wins – via Audubon](#) -These policy wins were PRE-coronavirus.
8. [May 2020 WRP Newsletter](#) – lots of useful information and links – updated from last week.
9. On June 5, 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced the publication of a [draft environmental impact statement \(EIS\)](#) and [draft rule](#) inviting [public comment](#) on proposed management of conflicts associated with **double-crested cormorants**.
10. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife (Service) is reviewing a permit application for the incidental take of golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) at the Red Horse Wind 2 Energy Facility, approximately 15 miles west of the city of Willcox, Arizona. The enclosed handout will provide you with an overview of the wind facility and the history of the application process. We are requesting your views, comments, or concerns regarding the proposed permit authorizing incidental take of golden eagles at the Red Horse Wind 2 Energy Facility. Please direct your comments to [MB\\_nepacomments@fws.gov](mailto:MB_nepacomments@fws.gov). If you would like to arrange a consultation, please contact Mary Elder, Assistant Regional Director, External Affairs at 505-248-6285 or [mary\\_elder@fws.gov](mailto:mary_elder@fws.gov).

### Grant Opportunities:

1. [Desert Fish Habitat Partnership](#) – 2021 request for proposals open! Due September 25, 2020 by 5pm.
2. [USFWS, Partners to Provide More Than \\$35 Million for Fish Habitat Conservation in 2020](#)
3. Tribal Wildlife Grants Program. To support the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats and species of Tribal cultural or traditional importance, including species that are not hunted or fished. Due: July 6, 2020. [Learn more](#)

### Other Resources:

1. [WAFWA – Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool – Interestingly, this covers most of our members tribal lands.](#)

### Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. **DOI Talent and DOI University.** I'm leaving these links up here just in case:
  - a. DOI Talent: [https://www.doi.gov/doitalent/nondoil\\_learners](https://www.doi.gov/doitalent/nondoil_learners)
  - b. DOI University Classes: <https://doiu.doi.gov/reg.asp?id=>
2. The FWCO Webinar home page is here: [FWCO Webinar Series Link](#). On this page, individuals can register to attend talks and view past presentations in the archives:
  - a. June 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM. Dr. Nathaniel Hitt. Fish population trends and life history theory: evidence for changing flows in the Potomac River.

- b. June 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM. Dr. Mike Allen. Use of age structured models to diagnose overfishing and identify fish management options

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

1. 6/16/2020 6/16/2020 *Freshwater Mussel Conservation*- [NCTC webinar](#) -  
Contact: [matthew\\_patterson@fws.gov](mailto:matthew_patterson@fws.gov)
2. 6/30/2020 6/30/2020 *Freshwater Mussel Conservation Webinar Series* - [NCTC webinar](#) -  
Contact: [matthew\\_patterson@fws.gov](mailto:matthew_patterson@fws.gov)
3. 6/30/2020 6/30/2020 *Fish Sampling Techniques Introduction and Hoop Nets* TBD -  
Contact: [alan\\_temple@fws.gov](mailto:alan_temple@fws.gov)
4. 6/8/2020 6/12/2020 (Portland, OR) [FWS-CSP4210](#) *Statistical Modeling for Conservation*  
- Contact: [sharon\\_howard@fws.gov](mailto:sharon_howard@fws.gov)
5. [AFS-Aging stock assessment – June 23<sup>rd</sup>](#)
6. [River Connectivity-AFS](#)
7. [Creating a movement to save migratory fish – from local to Global](#)

## Science!

1. [The Really Big Picture for Fish Habitat: The Conceptual Underpinnings and Vision for the National Fish Habitat Partnership’s National Fish Habitat Assessment \(Report\)](#)

## 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.

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