



SWTF Weekly Digest

June 30, 2020

Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning Everyone!

Thanks to the members that attended our emergency meeting yesterday. We didn't quite make quorum, so for the moment, Jacob and Steve will remain the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. I will also be shifting to only working on my SWTFC duties part time, so that I can get the Pueblo of Laguna's Water Rights Office up and running. We had some great updates from our participants on the state of the Coronavirus on member lands, and how the tribes are coping/responding. Many are still on administrative leave, or partial duties; many hope to open soon but are being cautious with the recent upticks in cases throughout the region.

The Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery is working to fix some water issues resulting from clogged pipes, and ground water under the influence of surface water issues. They are currently only delivering to local waters but expect to be able to travel soon! Please contact MTFH if you are expecting to purchase fish this year, so that you can get on the schedule!

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. Update: [Letter to the House of Representatives](#) re: Recovering Americas Wildlife Act from AFS.
2. The AFS has developed a [draft statement](#) on the impact of humans on climate change from an aquatic perspective – please check it out!
3. If you are interested in watching a [live Dam Removal](#) in honor of World Fish Migration Day check out the link! (This Dam is in Sweden, **the event is July 1 – Tomorrow!**)
4. Abstracts for the AFS Fall Annual Meeting **due today – June 30th**.
5. Fishermen are nothing if not creative – [Montana seeks to ban drones for fishing...](#)
6. The Desert Fish Habitat Partnership has released its 2020 project [list](#)
7. If you have stories or pictures (good news is always welcome), please share!

Grant Opportunities:

1. **NFWF – [Southwestern Rivers](#)** – Due July 30th, 2020
2. **USFS- SWTFC Youth Grant 2020:** We have funding from the USFS for tribal youth employment – if you are interested, please contact me adam.ringia@gmail.com for more information!

3. [Desert Fish Habitat Partnership](#) – 2021 request for proposals open! Due September 25, 2020 by 5pm.
4. **Tribal Wildlife Grants Program. Due: July 6, 2020. [Learn more](#)**
5. **White Nose Syndrome (Bats – not fish)** - We have received approval to post the notification of funding opportunity for the 2020 white-nose syndrome grants to states and tribes. The notice will be posted on www.grants.gov asap, but it still may be a few days before it is available. We urge partners to apply for these funds **by July 17** to increase chances that funds may be awarded during the current fiscal year. Please start preparing your applications for this funding opportunity to support your projects to advance. While the notice will be posted for 60 days, proposals received in the first 30 days will be reviewed for possible earlier decisions and, if selected, earlier awards.

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
 - b. DOI University Classes: <https://doiu.doi.gov/reg.asp?id=>

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

1. *6/30/2020 Freshwater Mussel Conservation Webinar Series* - [NCTC webinar](#) -
Contact: matthew_patterson@fws.gov
2. *6/30/2020 Fish Sampling Techniques Introduction and Hoop Nets* TBD -
Contact: alan_temple@fws.gov
3. First Nations Webinar Series: ***Notes from the Field: How Data and Wildlife Management Can Protect Tribal Values - Thursday, July 9, 2020, 12 pm, Mountain***
During this one-hour webinar, Shaun Grassel, Ph.D., will share innovative research and data collection methods being used to protect wildlife and associated tribal values on the Lower Brule Indian Reservation. Case studies will highlight the cultural significance of wildlife population trends, species interactions, predator-prey relationships, and disease, and how culturally-informed policy and management strategies can uphold tribal values. Learn more [here](#).
4. [AFS – Alligator Gar Webinar – August 12th](#)
5. [AFS – Stream Simulation Design – September 9th](#)

Science!

1. Are your fisheries ready for Climate Change – Here is an [article](#) summarizing current practices to get your fishery ready.
2. Are you interested in reconnecting your waterways to their floodplains? [Here is a good resource](#) from American Rivers.
3. Do you want to check out the fishing gear of a [5000 year old fisherman](#)?

Updates and meeting information:

2020 NAFWS Annual Meeting Cancelled! For More Information, please contact Julie Thorstenson, PhD, Executive Director at JThor@nafws.org or 303-905-1250.

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