



Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission

Tribal AIS Workshop – Introduction, Concept, and Intent

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Good Morning and thank you for your interest in the Southwestern Tribal Fisheries Commission's Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop,

The Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission is a group of 18 member tribes and partners who share a common vision: to provide the technical skills and support needed to move individual tribal fisheries programs and projects from the conceptual phase to reality by assisting tribes with creating and facilitating inter-governmental and non-governmental partnerships, providing advocacy needed to obtain funding and support, and providing tangible services in the form of technical assistance and equipment.

Concerns with the control of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) have been present for a long time and various initiatives exist at the state and federal levels, however, few southwestern tribes appear to be involved in these efforts. Understanding this, the SWTFC has reached out to its state and federal partners to assist in bringing these issues to the southwestern tribes.

Despite the many challenges working among various levels of government, aquatic invasive species are an outside threat that has a negative impact on all of us and offers an opportunity for positive collaboration. It also offers another opportunity for the appropriate levels of technical staff to meet each other to exchange information, without the constraints of formal consultation.

This short workshop does not claim to be providing a high level of training, but rather to introduce the opportunities and threats of AIS to tribal employees, as well as the partners that they have in this particular struggle, and the resources that may be available if additional training is necessary.

I hope that you all find this workshop to be informative, useful, and above all, a good opportunity to develop the collaborations that make all of our jobs easier.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,


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