



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Conservation Training Center

Training Announcement

Introduction to Fish Health

Course Description

The focus of the course will be on overall fish welfare to ensure fish remain healthy, including good handling, water quality and nutrition, while familiarizing participants with the signs, control and prevention of infectious and noninfectious fish diseases. Participants will learn the basics of fish anatomy, diseases and husbandry through lectures and classroom and laboratory activities.



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Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- ✓ Diagnose commonly seen fish diseases based on physical and behavioral characteristics at Southwestern hatcheries
- ✓ Describe the importance of fish welfare and apply it to hatchery production management
- ✓ Describe the FDA labeling of fish pharmaceuticals and the regulations involved in their use
- ✓ Recognize water quality and chemistry issues as they relate to fish health
- ✓ Understand the need and process of fish health testing and how to work with fish health professionals when diseases occur

Date

January 14 - 16, 2020

Location

Phoenix, Arizona

Who Should Attend

Fisheries biologists, hatchery managers or fish health biologists.

Course Length

3 days

Registration

This course is run in partnership with the Arizona Game and Fish Department; and therefore, 10 seats will be available for AZGFD employees and 10 seats will be available for USFWS/Tribal employees. Contact Eric Tsakiris to register.

NCTC Contact

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Reasonable Accommodation

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to training for all participants. Please direct all requests for sign language interpreting services, closed captioning, or other accommodation needs to Shannon Connors, Shannon_M_Connors@fws.gov, 304-876-7904 TTY 800-877-8339 by close of business January 13, 2020.