

SWTFC MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Since its inception, the mission of the SWTFC has been to advance tribal self-determination and tribal stewardship of fisheries resources through the professional development and support of tribal resource management programs.

Our vision is 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.



Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission

Membership is open to any federally recognized tribe in the Southwest with an interest in advancing fisheries and fisheries management.

Current Member Tribes

Jicarilla Apache Nation
Mescalero Apache Tribe
Navajo Nation
Northern Ute Tribe
Oh-kay Owingeb
Pueblo of Cochiti
Pueblo of Isleta
Pueblo of Laguna
Pueblo of Picuris
Pueblo of Sandia
San Carlos Apache
Santa Clara Pueblo
Southern Ute Tribe
Zuni Pueblo
Taos Pueblo
Nambe Pueblo
San Ildefonso Pueblo
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Pueblo of Acoma

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The Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission (SWTFC) was formed in April 2002, and became a 501 (c)(3) organization in New Mexico in 2007. We are a coalition of tribes, pueblos and nations with a desire to promote self-determination

through the development of sustainable recreational and native fisheries programs. The SWTFC supports tribal capacity building and encourages its members to work in a coordinated and strategic fashion. By working together, tribes can enhance their fisheries programs and advance meaningful resource projects and initiatives on tribal lands that strike a sustainable balance between economic development and stewardship of tribal natural resources.

Our 19 southwestern member tribes control approximately 82% of tribal reservation land and water in the lower 48 states—over 40,000 square miles. Unlike other regional tribal fisheries commissions focused on fulfillment of federal treaty obligations, the SWTFC seeks to assist tribal fisheries programs by providing technical skills and support needed to move good ideas and projects from the conceptual phase to reality. Our fo-

cus is both on improved native fish availability and habitat, and on economic fisheries for our member tribes.

Fishery resources are culturally and economically important to Southwestern Tribes. Although diverse in terms of their actual resources and needs, all SWTFC member Tribes share a common goal of moving toward self-determination and self-sufficiency through development or enhancement of sustainable recreational and native fisheries. Some fisheries programs are well developed while others need support or technical resources to realize their potential. Tribes often have a specific vision of their fisheries management but need additional support and technical assistance to achieve that vision. All are committed to responsible and professional stewardship of these resources.



Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery

The MTFH provides rainbow trout to our member tribes at a discounted rate from private hatcheries, and hopes to develop

the capacity to raise native trout as well.

The MTFH is also a training center for Tribal youth. Youth from over a dozen tribes have learned cold water fish culture, stream restoration, trail construction and maintenance, and other natural resource management skills. The MTFH and the SWTFC provide a forum and support for Tribal youth to pursue higher education opportunities in natural resource management.

Services

- Discounted rainbow trout
- Trainings and workshops
- Grant/Funding support
- Direct Representation to the National Fish Habitat Partnership and Desert Fish Habitat Partnerships
- Collective negotiating power with State and Federal Governments

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