



SWTF Weekly Digest #7-2020

July 7, 2020

Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning Everyone!

Welcome back from a long 4th of July Weekend! Many of our member tribes are starting to reopen today after a long partial or total shut-down. I hope you are all safe and doing well! I hope you all managed to turn in your Tribal Wildlife Grants yesterday – I'm sure our new USFWS Southwestern Region Tribal Liaison is ready to review them all! There are some good bills trying to move through congress right now, so remember to keep the pressure on!

Start thinking about when you would be available for our next SWTFC Official meeting! We usually have one towards the end of July or early August. I hope to send out an couple of suggested dates and times in the next week or two.

Also remember to send me pictures of you and the work you do in the field, so I don't have to find the video of the Osprey carrying the shark over the beach...

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. House of Representatives includes Wildlife Corridors in H.R. 2 – Invest in America or Moving Forward Act – see this [press release from the House Natural Resource Committee](#). It also includes smaller legislation that has Rio Grande Conservation impacts and other good stuff. Check it out!
2. Update: [Letter to the House of Representatives](#) re: Recovering Americas Wildlife Act from AFS.
3. [House climate report](#) – warning, this one is really long...
4. The AFS has developed a [draft statement](#) on the impact of humans on climate change from an aquatic perspective – please check it out!
5. The Desert Fish Habitat Partnership has released its 2020 project [list](#)
6. 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. **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. 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](#).
2. [AFS – Alligator Gar Webinar – August 12th](#)
3. [AFS – Stream Simulation Design – September 9th](#)

Science!

1. [Not Fisheries science – but a great fish food...stoneflies in Montana.](#)
2. [Instant Hatchery](#) – I can see something like this working to start populations of native fish in headwater streams...

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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