



SWTF Weekly Digest #26-2020

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Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning everyone!

I think the country is stuck in a holding pattern again, with pretty astonishing COVID-19 levels, but some hope in the form of two vaccines that appear to be effective. There is also a pretty high level of federal turmoil, ahead of the upcoming transition to a new administration.

It was a pretty light week as far as fisheries news goes, but there are some new fish related webinars and grants below. The DOI has released its report on invasive mussels, there is still an opportunity to apply to be the new Environmental Director at Sandia Pueblo, and, if you are interested in serving (or in recommending someone to be) one of the new representatives to the National Fish Habitat Board, your chances are all below!

I hope you are all doing well – our next meeting is a month away today!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. The Department of the Interior is pleased to share the final report on its [Safeguarding the West](#) initiative. *Safeguarding the West* included a set of commitments to prevent, contain, and control quagga and zebra mussels in western waters in collaboration with the Western Governors' Association, States, Tribes, other Federal agencies, and numerous other partners. Much of this work is ongoing, as the need persists to address invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species. Interior looks forward to continuing this important work with partners through the Western Regional Panel's updated Quagga Zebra Mussel Action Plan and other collaborative efforts.
2. [Impacts of climate change on aquatic life](#)
3. Do you want to be the new Environmental Director for Sandia Pueblo? Now is your chance! [Here is the link.](#)
4. Changes Ahead for National Fish Habitat Board, Ed Schriever Appointed as Chairman. The National Fish Habitat Partnership is seeking interested representatives to serve on the Board. If you are interested, please send an email with your name and contact information

to info@fishhabitat.org with the subject line of "Board representative," and outline your relevant qualifications and interest in NFHP.

Grant Opportunities:

1. The Northwest and Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Centers (NW CASC, SW CASC) invite statements of interest for tribal climate adaptation research projects to be initiated in Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. Statements of interest are due December 17, 2020. [Click here for more information and instructions on how to apply](#). Have questions? Join us for an [informational webinar](#) and get your questions answered. Date: November 30, 2020; Time: 3:00 MST
2. The USFWS is currently soliciting projects for funding through our National Fish Passage Program. Proposals due by December 2. Contact Nate Caswell for more information at nate_caswell@fws.gov
3. **BIA 2021 Funding Opportunities – Endangered Species, Hatcheries, Tribal Youth and Invasive Species announcements and applications -contact your local BIA rep for details.**
4. **STILL OPEN - 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!

Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (FWCO) webinar series is **Thursday, November 19 at 3pm ET** and will feature Kayla Kimmel from the Baton Rouge FWCO in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. **Title: Helping Partners to Manage Alligator Gar and Their Habitats: Application of Landscape Habitat Suitability Index (HSI) Tools.** To register for the webinar, please follow this [link](#) or go to the [NCTC homepage](#), click on *Resources/News* tab in upper right, select *Webinar Gallery* in the drop-down menu, and click on the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office gallery picture.
2. You are cordially invited to the Tuesday, [December 8th Western Regional Partnership \(WRP\) webinar featuring Tribal Resilient Energy Infrastructure](#). This webinar will begin at 1:00 pm Mountain/12 noon Pacific and conclude by 3:00 pm Mountain/2 pm Pacific.
3. **WRP Water Security Policy Planning and Implementation Webinar – Monday, December 14th – 1-3pm – Details and registration link to come.**
4. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), through partnership with The Wildlife Society, is offering research assistantships for Native American undergraduate (junior/senior level) or graduate students as part of the Native American Research Assistantship Program for Summer 2021. **Applications are being accepted now through Jan. 15, 2021.** <https://wildlife.org/apply-now-for-usfs-native-american-research-assistantship-2/>. Short-term assistantships with USFS are available for Native American students interested in wildlife and forest resources and excited to learn and work with an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Any questions can be directed to Jamila Blake at jblake@wildlife.org.
5. **ENHANCE YOUR CREDENTIALS** by gaining certification by AFS. Certification sets standards and guidelines for professional competence and is used by organizations worldwide to measure qualifications. For information on how you can apply- [click here](#).
6. **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=>

Science! Or science-y...

- 1. [Fish Fin Sensitivity](#)

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