



**SWTF Weekly Digest #28-2020
December 1, 2020**

Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning everyone!

We are in the home stretch – 2020 has been a long year, but it is almost over! Even though there are only 30 days left of the year, there is a lot to get done. We have our last SWTFC Meeting of the year with some important member business to take care of – so if you are one of our members, remember to set aside the morning of the 17th! (invite coming later this week!) and please let me know if you will be attending!!

Fish Passage applications are due to the Fish and Wildlife Service tomorrow, so make sure you got those in already, but we still have quite a bit available for our USFS Youth grants, so let us know if you have a project!

Do you have any winter fisheries projects getting ready to go? Are you proud of the work that you did over the summer? Send me pictures and stories, and highlights!

Special thanks to our longtime friend and partner Alan Temple – who shared pictures of his trip to the Mekong River in Laos, where he had the opportunity to train the crew of the one electrofishing boat in the region on fish sampling! I hope you saw his pictures on our Instagram account!

With Covid still rampaging across the country impacting those we know and love, there are a variety of webinars to keep you distracted and busy as you shop online for the remote holidays. Keep your friends and family as safe as you can and stay home. Sorry, I don't have any gift recommendations for you. I don't think that our Chairman sells his flies – but feel free to ask him...

Again, stay safe, stay healthy, and we'll talk to you next week 😊

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. [Trout Unlimited and the Boy Scouts work to save Christopher Creek in AZ](#)

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. **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. [Establishing Aquaculture Opportunity Areas & How to Get Involved](#) Monday, **December 7, 2020** 3:00 - 4:00 pm Eastern. [Register now!](#) **Presenter:** *Danielle Blacklock, NOAA Fisheries*
2. [Introduction to eDNA: Applications, Advantages, and Implications](#), Thursday, January 14, 2021, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Eastern Time, [Register now!](#), **Presenter:** *Jay Cashubec, PrecisionBiomonitoring*
3. 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.
4. You are cordially invited to participate in WRP's December 14th [webinar on Water Security Policy Planning and Implementation](#). This webinar, presented by the Western Regional Partnership's (WRP) Natural Resources Committee, will run from 1:00 to 3:00 pm Mountain/12 noon to 2 pm Pacific.
5. 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.
6. **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](#).
7. **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. [Using Community Conservation to Preserve Fish in Tropical Rivers.](#)

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