



Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission

Quarterly Meeting / August 13, 2018

Sky Ute Resort & Casino – Southern Ute Indian Reservation / Ignacio, Colorado

Meeting Convened at 7:05 PM

Membership Attendance (Tribe / Rep)

1. Jicarilla Apache Nation	Jacob Mazzone (Chairman)
2. Laguna Pueblo	Not present (Vice-Chairman)
3. Southern Ute Tribe	Steve Whiteman (Secretary-Treasurer)
4. Mescalero Apache Tribe	Shelley Battiest
5. Zuni Pueblo	Nelson Luna
6. Navajo Nation	Glenn Selby
7. Sandia Pueblo	Tim Smith
8. Santa Clara Pueblo	Not present
9. Cochiti Pueblo	Not present
10. San Carlos Apache Tribe	Not present
11. Taos Pueblo	Not present
12. Ohkay Owingeh	Not present
13. Isleta Pueblo	Not present
14. Picuris Pueblo	Not present
15. Nambe Pueblo	Not present
16. San Ildefonso Pueblo	Not present
17. Ute Tribe (U&O)	Not present
18. Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	Not present

Other Attendees:

Stuart Leon, SWTFC Executive Director
Shelley Battiest, Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery
Jessica Rodriguez, Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery
Tori Marden, Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery
Matias LaPaz, Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery
Loren Arkie, Pueblo of Sandia
Lovvis Downs-Glass, Southern Ute Tribe
Stafford Chimoni, Pueblo of Zuni
Cody Lomyate, Pueblo of Zuni
Matthew Neha, Pueblo of Zuni
Jerrod Bowman, Navajo Nation
T. Yazzie, Navajo Nation
Joe Early, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Welcome / Opening Comments (Stuart Leon)

Stuart welcomed the group, introductions were made
Per bylaws, 1/3 of membership (=6) is required for quorum; quorum was achieved

Secretary / Treasurer Report (Steve Whiteman)

Steve presented minutes from prior meeting on April 3, 2018, held in Albuquerque, NM.
Nelson motioned to approve the Apr-3 minutes, with second by Nelson; Minutes approved by unanimous vote
Steve provided the financial report for the SWTFC Discretionary, Feed/Fuel, and Investment accounts
Stuart pointed-out that approx. \$30K will soon come to SWTFC from USFS as reimburse. for summer 2018 interns
Tim indicates there are issues receiving emails from Stuart. Stuart will work with Tim to diagnose the issue.

	Beginning Balance/Value	Period Revenues	Period Expenses	Ending Balance/Value	Net Change
Discretionary Fund (3/31/18 – 8/10/18)	\$26,770.37	\$23,100.00	\$39,586.71	\$10,283.66	[\$16,486.71]
Feed & Fuel Account (3/31/18 – 8/13/18)	\$140,101.34	\$42,850.80	\$80,520.05	\$102,432.09	[\$37,669.25]
Investment Account (3/31/18 – 8/13/18)	\$553,835.65	-	-	\$569,687.61	\$15,851.96

Chairman’s Report (Jacob Mazzone)

Melissa Mata is no longer tribal contact at FWS R2 Eco-Services; replacements are Joel Lusk and John Nystedt Joe Jojola recently retired from BIA HQ; Michelle Dela Cruz is interim contact at BIA HQ for wildlife matters FWS Roundtail Chub SSA meeting is coming up in Grand Junction September 26; Jacob encourages tribes to attend The SSA will address whether/how ESA protection may be extended to the roundtail chub complex Jacob was pleased with the SWTFC’s Fisheries Techniques workshop in San Carlos; few changes recommended Jacob expressed major concerns about fisheries agreements with New Mexico; agreements change after-the-fact A draft of the SWTFC Strategic Plan will soon be released for review; member participation is very important.

Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery Report (Tori Marden, Jessica Rodrigues)

Tori presented a detailed report with updates on hatchery staffing, fish production, fish deliveries, mortalities, etc. The hatchery report is attached to these minutes
Jessica Rodriguez presented a short slideshow with various hatchery photos

Partnership Updates

- *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: Southwest Region (Joe Early)*

An Implementation Plan for the FWS Native American Policy will soon be distributed to southwest (Region 2) tribes for input. Tribal input on this plan is important for addressing tribal needs.

Jason Davis is being promoted to Fisheries deputy ARD for FWS Region 2

Mike Sloan has been promoted from Fisheries Chief to Director for NM Game & Fish

Executive Director Report (Stuart Leon)

- *USFS/SWTFC Interns*

Stuart introduced Mattias (Mescalero) and Cody (Zuni) as two of the USFS-funded interns hired for summer 2018. Stuart indicates USFS is likely to continue the intern-funding partnership with SWTFC as successes continue

- *SWTFC Strategic Plan Update*

Stuart encourages all member tribes to review the latest draft plan and send comments to him.

- *2018 Fisheries Techniques Workshop – Human Dimensions*

11 tribes were represented at the 2018 Fisheries Techniques Workshop, as well as USFS, USFWS, BIA. Stuart is proud of the quality of the workshops being offered by SWTFC. Stuart requests feedback from member tribes on future workshop ideas. Suggestions: Aquatic Habitat Improvement (Nelson). Native Fish Identification (Jacob). Aquatic Entomology (Jacob). Fisheries Techniques II – Standard Methods (Stuart). Send more suggestions for future workshops to Stuart.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Next Meeting:

***SWTFC Quarterly BOD Meeting – November 2018
At BIA Headquarters – Albuquerque, New Mexico***

Meeting Minutes taken by:

Steve Whiteman, Secretary-Treasurer
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
SOUTHWEST TRIBAL FISHERIES COMMISSION
August 10, 2018

I. DISCRETIONARY FUNDS <i>Wells Fargo, P.O. Box 1081 Albuquerque 87103</i>	
Balance on 3/31/2018	\$ 26,770.37
Balance on 8/10/2018	\$ 10,283.66
Net Change:	\$ (16,486.71)

Revenues

Transfer from Feed & Fuel Account	\$ 20,000.00
Fisheries Workshop (Bass Pro Shops & NAFWS)	\$ 3,100.00
Sub-Total:	\$ 23,100.00

Expenses

Stuart Leon Payroll: November 1 - March 31, 2018	\$ 13,655.00
Zuni Summer USFS Intern Program	\$ 7,770.00
Stuart Leon Travel Expenses	\$ 7,227.50
Fisheries Workshop - Various Expenses	\$ 5,054.66
Payroll Taxes Impounded	\$ 3,569.00
Annual MAT Payment (partial)	\$ 2,000.00
Payroll Department Accounting Fees	\$ 300.55
Bank Fee (wire transfer)	\$ 10.00
Sub-Total:	\$ 39,586.71

II. FEED & FUEL ACCOUNT *Wells Fargo, P.O. Box 1081 Albuquerque 87103*

Balance on 3/31/2018	\$ 140,101.34
Balance on 8/10/2018	\$ 102,432.09
Net Change:	\$ (37,669.25)

Revenues

Fish Purchases (x 11)	\$ 42,850.80
Sub-Total:	\$ 42,850.80

Expenses

Fish Food Purchase, Skretting (x2)	\$ 29,088.65
Annual MAT Payment (less \$2,000 advance)	\$ 20,099.00
Transfer to Discretionary Account	\$ 20,000.00
Credit Card Pmts (Gas & Repairs)	\$ 8,649.78
Vehicle Repairs (x3)	\$ 2,682.62
Sub-Total:	\$ 80,520.05

III. INVESTMENT ACCOUNT *Edward Jones 8000 Paseo del Norte NE Suite C9 ABQ 87122*

Account Value on 3/31/2018	\$ 553,835.65
Balance on 8/10/2018	\$ 569,687.61
Net Change:	\$ 15,851.96

REPORT TO THE SWTFC MEMBERSHIP
MESCALERO TRIBAL FISH HATCHERY

DELIVERIES

For the reporting period of April through July 2018, we delivered 28,647 rainbow trout ranging from 10.0" and up in support of 3 Tribal Fisheries program, the Pueblo of San Ildefonso, Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Pueblo of Nambe. This number of trout was equivalent to delivering 18,960lbs. All trout were provided at a rate of \$3.06 per pound, plus transportation costs.

HATCHERY BUSINESS

Hatchery staff consists of Tyner Cervantes, Director, Shelley Battiest, Hatchery Manager, Tori Marden, Asst. Hatchery Manager, Jessica Rodriguez, Admin. Asst., John Salazar, Houston Fatty and Ian Murphy, Fisheries Technicians. Jimmy Runningwater, Fisheries Technician/CDL Driver.

The ARD-17 Lot that hatched back in December 2017 are now 7 months old, SSD-18 Lot are 6 months old and FLD-18 Lot are now 4 months old.

We have maintained our summer deliveries and were able to accommodate several tribes. We have increased our inventory and the amount of eggs that we receive. With fall and winter season approaching we hope to continue with our normal deliveries.

Work started on the NEW Recirculation Tankhouse (RTH) which will help us out with our increased inventory.

At the beginning of June, the Summer Youth started working with us and have helped us out throughout the summer break.

Tours picked up throughout the summer, New Mexico State University-Alamogordo Upward Bound Program, Recreation Departments, Local Daycares and New Mexico State University Dream Keepers Upward Bound Program to name a few.

Along with continuing day to day operations and maintenance of the hatchery, we had other projects going on during the reporting period:

April

- Grading/moving fish around inside tankhouse and outside raceways
- FLD-18 hatched, received eggs at the end of March
- Collected water quality data

May

- Cleaned up around hatchery facility and houses
- Work on preparing Quonset Hut to receive fish

June

- Grading/moving fish around inside tankhouse and outside raceways
- Solider Canyon Fire; Hatchery staff assisted
- Prepared RTH to install tanks
- Salt bath treatments for inside tanks

July

- Construction in RTH started with assistance from Mora National Fish Hatchery
- Moved fish inside Quonset Hut; doing very well

MTFH has obtain its normal Class-A status. Bio-security measures at the hatchery are continuing to be maintained.

Our primary mission at the hatchery is to serve our community and the many SWTFC member tribes to the best of our ability and to provide the best quality fish we can to support tribal fisheries programs. We will continue to do so.