



## SWTF Weekly Digest

June 16, 2020

### Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning Everyone!

In a rare act of bipartisanship – the Senate continues to move forward with the Great American Outdoors Act! How about that for some good news from very early Friday morning?! There is a chance it will pass as early as today! In this day and age it is even more important than usual to work together, and to try to understand the positions of others, and to engage in dialogue, rather than get defensive and shut people out.

I also found another little bit of good news in the news as well – see the Science section for an article on how much of the world has minimal human negative impacts so far, and so we still have a chance to protect it!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

### News and Links:

1. The American Fisheries Society has developed a [draft statement](#) on the impact of humans on climate change from an aquatic perspective – please check it out!
2. **The AFS Awards Committee has extended the deadline for [2020 Fellows Nominations](#) through July 1st!**  
Do you have a colleague who deserves recognition? This is your chance to recognize professionals who have made a positive impact on the fisheries field.  
Submit your nomination now for the 2020 AFS Fellows Class. 2020 Fellow Inductees will be recognized during the [AFS Virtual Annual Meeting](#) this September.
3. If you have stories or pictures (good news is always welcome), please share!

### Grant Opportunities:

1. **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](mailto:adam.ringia@gmail.com) for more information!
2. **[Desert Fish Habitat Partnership](#)** – 2021 request for proposals open! Due September 25, 2020 by 5pm.
3. **[USFWS, Partners to Provide More Than \\$35 Million for Fish Habitat Conservation in 2020](#)**
4. **Tribal Wildlife Grants Program. Due: July 6, 2020. [Learn more](#)**

### 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](https://www.doi.gov/doitalent/nondoil_learners)

- b. DOI University Classes: <https://doiu.doi.gov/reg.asp?id=>
- 2. The FWCO Webinar home page is here: [FWCO Webinar Series Link](#). On this page, individuals can register to attend talks and view past presentations in the archives:
  - a. June 25<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM. Dr. Mike Allen. Use of age structured models to diagnose overfishing and identify fish management options

...and a variety of upcoming (with dates) and pre-recorded (without dates) webinars:

1. *6/16/2020 Freshwater Mussel Conservation*- [NCTC webinar](#) -  
Contact: [matthew\\_patterson@fws.gov](mailto:matthew_patterson@fws.gov)
2. *6/30/2020 Freshwater Mussel Conservation Webinar Series* - [NCTC webinar](#) -  
Contact: [matthew\\_patterson@fws.gov](mailto:matthew_patterson@fws.gov)
3. *6/30/2020 Fish Sampling Techniques Introduction and Hoop Nets* TBD -  
Contact: [alan\\_temple@fws.gov](mailto:alan_temple@fws.gov)
4. [AFS-Aging stock assessment – June 23<sup>rd</sup>](#)

## Science!

1. [Half the Earth Relatively Intact From Global Human Influence](#)

## Updates and meeting information:

1. **TODAY!! - USFWS Tribal Wolf Working Group – June 16 from 10-12 noon MT (9-11 AZ time)** to discuss, among other topics, updates on the wolf population, the revision of the 10j, and any other topics that you may want to discuss. **Contact Sarah Rinkevich for more information:** [sarah\\_rinkevich@fws.gov](mailto:sarah_rinkevich@fws.gov)
2. **NAFWS Regional Conference** - the SW Regional Conference Committee has unanimously decided to cancel the 2020 SW Regional Conference that was to be held at the Santa Ana Star Hotel Casino on August 17-20, 2020.

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