



SWTF Weekly Digest

June 23, 2020

Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning Everyone!

Happy Belated Father's Day to all you fathers out there! I bought my daughter a rod and took her fishing. As you all probably know by now, the Great American Outdoors Act has passed out of the Senate and back to the House, so with a little luck, we will have more good news on that soon. Unfortunately, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and Corridors Act are currently stuck in the House without any hearing dates scheduled.

Also, we are holding a Virtual Emergency Board Meeting on Monday June 29th at 10am Mountain Time. Members will be receiving a direct invite later this week.

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. Emergency SWTF Virtual Meeting! Next Monday June 29th, at 10am – Members Only – call-in information coming soon.
2. 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!
3. **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.
4. [Northern New Mexico Drought](#) – NMPolitical Report – Kendra Chamberlain
5. If you are interested in watching a [live Dam Removal](#) in honor of World Fish Migration Day check out the link! (This Dam is in Sweden)
6. If you have stories or pictures (good news is always welcome), please share!

Grant Opportunities:

1. **NFWF – [Southwestern Rivers](#) – Applicant Webinar [[Register Here](#)]:** Thursday, June 25th 2020
2. **USFS- SWTF 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. **Tribal Wildlife Grants Program.** **Due: July 6, 2020.** [Learn more](#)
5. **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 in order 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=>
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 25th, 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. [AFS-Aging stock assessment – June 23rd](#)
2. 6/29/20 – 12PM Mountain - Southwest Climate Change Center – [Drought in the Southwest](#)
3. 6/30/2020 *Freshwater Mussel Conservation Webinar Series* - [NCTC webinar](#) -
Contact: matthew_patterson@fws.gov
4. 6/30/2020 *Fish Sampling Techniques Introduction and Hoop Nets* TBD -
Contact: alan_temple@fws.gov
5. [AFS – Alligator Gar Webinar – August 12th](#)
6. [AFS – Stream Simulation Design – September 9th](#)

Science!

1. [Effect of Pulsed DC Frequency on Capture Efficiency and Spinal Injury of Trout in Small Streams – Chiaramonte et al. 2020](#) - Have you ever wondered about the damage done to trout while electrofishing? This article discusses both the efficacy and potential impacts of different electrical current.
2. [300-million-year-old New Mexico fish resembles a sturgeon but took a different evolutionary path](#)

Updates and meeting information:

1. **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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