



SWTF Weekly Digest #10-2020

July 28, 2020

Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning Everyone!

It has been a rough week from the Coronavirus perspective, from those that I have heard from, Jicarilla and Mescalero are going back on lockdown, and Navajo is extending their office closures as well. Everyone stay safe, and take care of yourselves.

Despite all that, work goes on, and Mescalero has been working on getting their pipelines in working order – gotta keep that water flowing! However, we have no solid dates for when fish deliveries might start again, and there is a limited supply after some of the mortality events that occurred over the last year or so. Here in Albuquerque, the monsoons have arrived and are bringing some wonderful moisture to the region. I know that in some areas, former burn scars are creating some serious issues for the summer rains. We feel for you as well.

From a fisheries and natural resources perspective though – there are lots of new opportunities and actions. The Great American Outdoors Act has moved to the next level with the Senate amendments passing the house. WRDA is up for reauthorization. The Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act – part of the larger Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act is up for debate in the Senate this week – we submitted a letter of support!

The AFS is working on having better indigenous participation – I, and they, would love to hear your thoughts on the barriers that might be holding you back – is it the membership fee? Conference fees? Is the atmosphere non-welcoming? Please share your thoughts with me and I will make sure they make it up to those that need to hear it! We would love to have good stories to support our advocacy for the inclusion of our member tribes and others in natural resource management discussions and decisions.

If any of you have any native fish art that you would like me to share on our Instagram – please share!

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. [Great American Outdoors Act Passes](#) – House Natural Resources Press Release

2. [Humpback Chub in the news](#)
3. More in Politics – the [2020 Water Resources Development Act](#) is up for consideration
4. [AFS Virtual Conference Registration Open](#)
5. [Call for Papers – Tribal Fish and Wildlife Management](#)
6. We are less than 100 days away from [World Fish Migration Day](#) – check out the planned events so far!
7. The NAFWS and Native American Rangelands Partnership are looking for Native Artists and Photographers. Below is the flyer and details. Please forward as you see fit and feel free to submit your artwork or photos! Visit [NAFWS.org](#) for details.



8. If you have stories or pictures (good news is always welcome), please share!

Grant Opportunities:

1. NFWF – [Southwestern Rivers](#) – Due **July 30th, 2020**
2. **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!
3. [Desert Fish Habitat Partnership](#) – 2021 request for proposals open! Due September 25, 2020 by 5pm.
4. [NAFWS Scholarships open until August 15th, 2020.](#)

Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. 2020 [Low-Tech Process Based Restoration of Riverscapes Virtual Workshop](#)

This virtual workshop will introduce conservationists to ‘low-tech’ process-based approaches for restoring streams and their associated riparian areas (riverscapes) to benefit fish, wildlife, and working lands. Participants will learn principles guiding low-tech process-based restoration and become familiar with simple, hand-built tools, including Beaver Dam Analogues (BDAs) and Post-Assisted Log Structures (PALS), intended to mimic and promote specific ecosystem processes. Participants will gain basic skills in the planning, design, and implementation phases of project development. Course content is supported by a published Design Manual.

August 11-14, 2020 - Anywhere with Internet

2. **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=>

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

1. [AFS – Alligator Gar Webinar – August 12th](#)
2. [AFS – Stream Simulation Design – September 9th](#)

Science! Or science-y...

1. [Migratory fish populations are crashing](#)
2. [Testing the effectiveness of a modified health assessment for trout](#)

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