



SWTF Weekly Digest #11-2020

August 4, 2020

Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning Everyone!

I am planning on a virtual summer Board Meeting for the SWTFC on Thursday August 27th at the moment. Please let me know if you are available and plan to attend – especially the representatives for the Member tribes.

The federal government has been busy recently, with Sportfish, Tribal Wildlife Corridors moving forward on the plus side, and continued efforts to reduce protection for threatened and endangered species on the other side.

You are almost out of time to recommend native artist for the NAFWS/Native American Rangelands Partnership project. But there are some new Graduate grants available now as well – sorry for the delay on that one...

And, for those of you trying to make ends meet while still getting river restoration done, there is an exciting low tech- low cost webinar coming up soon just for you!

Also, as many of us are working on the issue of COVID19 impact to stream fishing on the Reservation, and whether or how our Tribes should consider “compensating” non-member permittees who paid for, but lost, the opportunity to fish on our waters during the 2020 pandemic (and associated closures of Tribal lands). I understand that some tribes may be planning – or have approved – remedies along the line of extending the valid period of issued fishing permits by a proportional amount of time into the post-COVID closure period. We are very interested in how YOUR tribe might be addressing this? I think knowing what other tribes are doing on this will be helpful to the conversation, and if you are dealing with your hunting programs a different way, please let me know as well!

Have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. [A little news update on the Little Colorado River Dam project](#)

2. [California Fish Passage Program – Public Radio](#)
3. [The Trump Administration seeks to limit critical habitat for protected species](#)
4. [Sport Fish Restoration advances in Senate](#)
5. [The Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act advances out of committee.](#)
6. [AFS Virtual Conference Registration Open](#)
7. [Call for Papers – Tribal Fish and Wildlife Management](#)
8. We are less than 100 days away from [World Fish Migration Day](#) – check out the planned events so far!
9. 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. **Until AUGUST 15th!**



10. 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 for more information!
2. [Desert Fish Habitat Partnership](#) – 2021 request for proposals open! Due September 25, 2020 by 5pm.
3. [NAFWS Scholarships open until August 15th, 2020.](#)

Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. ["Introduction to Climate Systems"](#) by the University of Oklahoma from August 31 - September 25, 2020. The course is free and online. If you have questions, you can contact Mr. Maurice Cruz at maurice.p.cruz@ou.edu
2. 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

3. **Teton Science Schools Graduate Program Native American Fellowship Opportunity** It is with great pleasure to reach out to you and share an amazing opportunity for which you might be eligible, or might know someone who would be interested and eligible. The Teton Science Schools' (TSS) Graduate Program is offering a full scholarship, covering tuition and room and board, to someone who is currently affiliated with a Native American tribe as an educator, or aspiring educator, or is of Native American descent. Interested scholarship candidates should begin the enrollment process for the [TSS Graduate Program](#). If you have specific questions or want more information, please contact Dr. Nikki Gamrath, Vice President of Educator Development, at the Teton Science Schools at nikki.gamrath@tetonscience.org.
3. **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. [Atlantic salmon are doing well in Maine](#)
2. [Steelhead spawning pits](#)
3. [Is livestock causing our water problems in the southwest?](#)

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