



SWTF Weekly Digest #21-2020

October 13, 2020

Executive Directors Message of the week:

Good Morning everyone!

Fall flu season is arriving, COVID cases are rising, the kids are still in remote school, the temperatures are falling, and life still goes on. I hope you and your families are remaining healthy and that you are all working together to get through these additional stressors! Remember that everyone else is experiencing stress also and give them all that little bit of extra support or space that they might need to help them cope.

As we get closer to the end of the year, time always seems to go faster. Tribal administrations try to wrap up business before cultural activities ramp up, everyone gets ready for the activity reduction that the Thanksgiving through New Year's season brings, and there is still work to be done – even this year with the Election coming up, and pulling attention away from everything else.

Everyone be strong, take care of each other, and have a great week!

Adam Ringia, Executive Director

News and Links:

1. [Melting Arctic: Climate Change Impacts on People and Wildlife](#)
2. [EPA gives State authority over tribal lands in Oklahoma](#)
3. [More on the America's Conservation Enhancement act - AFS](#)
4. [Threatened Status for the Eastern Black Rail](#) – Caution...this is not a fish 😊
5. [ACE Passes House – On to the Presidents Desk](#)
6. Western Division of the American Fisheries Society – [Fall Newsletter](#)
7. Remind all of your friends and neighbors (and anyone else) to VOTE!!
8. [World Fish Migration Day](#) – is less than two weeks away on October 24th!

Grant Opportunities:

1. **STILL OPEN - 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. **U.S. Fish and Wildlife QZAP FY2020** funding. The total funding amount for projects is approximately \$1,830,000.00 with expanded categories and priorities of potential projects. There is a significant change in the application process this year resulting from our transition to [GrantSolutions.gov](https://www.grantsolutions.gov). This opportunity will be open for application through **October 18, 2020**. Contact barak_shemai@fws.gov for more information.
3. **Reclamation's Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program** is making up to \$1 million available in Fiscal Year 2021 for tribes and tribal organizations in the western United States to develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. Project are eligible to receive up to \$200,000. The funding opportunity is available on www.grants.gov by searching for funding opportunity number BOR-DO-20-F013. Applications are due on **October 28, 2020 at 4 p.m. MDT**. [News Release](#) and [Native American Affairs Homepage](#)
4. **Western Native Trout Initiative's FY2021 Request for Proposals**. This year they are prioritizing Colorado River Cutthroat Trout, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Westslope Cutthroat Trout, and Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. Deadline **Friday, October 30, 2020 and proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m.** (Mountain Time). If you should have any questions or need additional information, contact Theresa Thompson (WNTI Coordinator) at tthompson@westernnativetrout.org.

Webinars and Educational Opportunities:

1. **Save the date for the 2020 WDAFS Student Colloquium! Friday, Nov 13, 2020**. The Western Division is seeking a diverse group of fisheries professionals to participate in a panel on networking and applying for jobs during COVID-19 and on giving successful virtual presentations. If you are a fisheries professional that can donate time to providing advice and tips and answering student questions, please contact event organizer [Emily Chen](#).
2. The Forest Service is hiring student interns and recent graduates using the Pathways program:
 - a. Society of American Foresters: Merit, intern indefinite, and recent graduate job announcements will open on **October 27 and close on November 2**.
3. **ENHANCE YOUR CREDENTIALS** and join your colleagues in gaining certification by AFS. Certification sets standards and guidelines for professional competence and is used by organizations worldwide to measure qualifications. For information on how you can apply- [click here](#).
4. Tribal engagement webinar/listening session for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Trust Fund Act. **October 28th at 10:00 am**. Links to come.
5. **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=>

Science! Or science-y...

1. [Puffer fish and underwater "crop circles"](#)
2. [Lake warming trend threatens freshwater fishes](#)
3. [Tracking aquatic hitchhikers](#) – predicting the spread of AIS with mobile tech.

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